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# JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

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### FIRST DAY.

THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, convened in its SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION, in Cumberland Street Methodist Church, in the city of Norfolk, Virginia, on the 26th day of November, 1873, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Bishop John C. Keener, D. D., President.

The opening religious services were conducted by Bishop Keener.

The roll of clerical and lay members was called by Paul Whitehead, Secretary of the last session.

Paul Whitehead was elected Secretary, and P. A. Peterson and G. C. Vanderslice Assistant Secretaries.

The standing committees of the Conference were constituted by the appointment of the following members.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.—J. C. Granbery, William Willis, Jr., T. A. Ware, S. M. Shepherd, William H. Christian, Richard Pollard, S. S. Lambeth, John A. Herndon, J. C. Watson, T. M. Leitch, R. N. Sledd, F. M. Wright, George E. Booker, Jesse J. Yeates, Joseph H. Amiss, Thomas L. Sanderson, James R. Waggener, Samuel Downing, P. F. August, and Joseph E. Broadwater.

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COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—James C. Martin, S. D. Turner, James O. Moss, W. Fishback, Robert A. Compton, D. R. Arnold, D. F. Hodges, R. E. Bouldin, G. H. Ray, L. J. Palmer, E. M. Peterson, T. B. Hamlin, T. L. Williams, W. T. McMullan, Robert A. Armistead, Rev. J. P. Jordan, Josiah D. Hank, Thomas G. Jones, Joseph E. Potts, and Hugh Jackson.

On motion, a Committee on "Memorials to the General Conference" was constituted, to consist of one clerical and one lay member from each District; and the following were appointed:

B. F. Woodward, Jefferson W. Stubbs, H. H. Gary, S. M. Shepherd, L. J. Hansberger, D. R. Arnold, James W. Blincoe, W. W. Webb, J. W. Tucker, J. A. Herndon, Edward P. Wilson, James Bailey, Joseph Lear, J. R. Kilby, J. W. Blincoe, George M. Bain, Jr., James L. Spencer, Thomas W. Garrett, M. S. Colonna, and Joseph E. Broadwater.

On motion, a committee of two was appointed to nominate a Committee on Memoirs, viz: W. W. Bennett and Alex. G. Brown.

The committee reported George E. Booker, James D. Lumsden, Robt. W. Watts, and G. H. Ray, to compose the Committee on Memoirs, and the report was adopted.

On motion, the Presiding Elder of Norfolk District, and the preachers stationed in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkley, were appointed a Committee on Public Worship.

Thomas A. Ware, Joseph H. Riddick and J. L. Spencer were appointed a committee on the Bible Cause.

On motion, the hours of daily meeting and adjournment were fixed at 9 o'clock A. M. and 1½ o'clock P. M.

A communication from A. H. Redford, Agent of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, and an exhibit of the financial condition of the House to the 1st of July, 1873, were presented and read to the Conference; also, a communication from Thomas O. Summers, book-editor, and editor of the *Christian Advocate* at Nashville; and, on motion, these papers were referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A communication from J. B. McFerrin, Secretary of the Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South, was presented and read to the Conference, and, on motion, referred to the Board of Missions of this Conference.

On motion, the following petition to the Congress of the United States was adopted, and the Secretary of the Conference was ordered to forward it to the House of Representatives:

TO THE HONORABLE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

We, ministers and lay representatives of the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, sitting in Norfolk, Va., Bishop John C. Keener presiding, respectfully petition your honorable bodies in behalf of the Southern Methodist Publishing House, at Nashville, Tenn., in the matter of its claim against the United States, for its property used and consumed by the army of the United States in 1864 and 1865, and previously.

You are informed by petition and testimony now before you of the existence and merits of said claim. We, therefore, as an integral portion of the Church under whose general supervision said House operates, deem it necessary only to express our hope that you will regard this as a matter of much more than mere private or local importance.

Largely more than a million of people of the United States, including our Church members and Sunday Schools, white and colored, besides other millions who are in friendly sympathy with us, are looking anxiously for the speedy adjustment of the matter, that the House may push forward its legitimate business farther and farther. We respectfully request that the testimony submitted may be examined, and the amount lawfully due may be promptly paid.

We also most respectfully and earnestly plead that the matter be taken up and disposed of at your earliest possible convenience.

This can be regarded but as an act of simple justice, while it will exhibit the honor and integrity of the Government, and its kindness and sympathy towards a very considerable portion of its citizens.

Done by vote of the of the Conference at Norfolk, Va., this 26th day of November, 1873.

The Conference being informed that the Norfolk Library Association have tendered to the Conference the use during the session of their library, and that the proprietors of the Norfolk *Landmark* have furnished for the use of the Conference copies of said paper; on motion, the thanks of the Conference were returned for these courtesies.

On motion, the Conference resolved to proceed with the examination of character with open doors.

Joseph Carson, Benjamin Devany, John C. Garlick, Benjamin M. Williams, Samuel T. Moorman, Benjamin T. Ames, William A. Robinson and Jacob Shough, passed in examination of character, and were severally placed on the superannuated list.

John J. Lafferty, William H. Camper, John N. Jones, Thomas H. Early, James A. Riddick, William J. Norfleet and John B. Laurens, passed in examination of character, and (with the exception of John N. Jones and John B. Laurens) were severally placed on the supernumerary list.

On motion, James M. Anderson was appointed to collect debts due by members of this Conference to the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South; and James W. Blincoe to receive subscriptions and money for the Nashville *Christian Advocate*.

Zechariah E. Harrison, formerly an Elder of this Conference, who was deprived of his credentials by expulsion, applied for restoration of the same, and produced the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of the Gordonsville and Orange Courthouse Station; but after full consideration of the case, the Conference declined to restore his credentials.

John A. Herndon, a local preacher of the Pittsylvania Circuit, produced the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of that Circuit, passed in examination of character, and was elected to Deacons' orders.

Newton H. Cox, a local Deacon of Dare Circuit, produced the certificate of the Quarterly Conference of said Circuit, recommending him for ordination as an Elder, certified his approval of the doctrines and discipline of the M. E. Church, South, passed in examination of character, and was elected accordingly.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Bishop D. S. Doggett, D. D. be requested to preach before the Conference a sermon in memory of our late venerable Bishop Early.

*Resolved*, That Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., be set apart for the delivery of Bishop Doggett's sermon, and it be followed by a Memorial service for the members of this Conference who have died during the past year, to be conducted by Bishop Keener.

William E. Payne, George M. Wright, Edward M. Jordan and William P. Jordan, who were continued as Deacons at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were severally elected to Elders' orders.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, the Conference, by a vote of 51 ayes to 21 noes, requested the Committee of Examination for the class of the fourth year, to examine John Q. Rhodes, a member of that class who was not present when the other members of the class were examined.

James A. Hughes, who was continued as a Deacon at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and not having passed an approved examination on the studies of the fourth year, was continued as a Deacon.

Alex. G. Brown offered a series of resolutions respecting the election of lay delegates to the Annual Conference, pending the consideration of which the session was prolonged for the purpose of allowing William E. Judkins to present a paper respecting the death of Bishop Early, which was read. And, on motion, a committee of seven was appointed, to whom the said paper and others of like nature shall be referred, and whose duty it shall be to prepare a suitable paper expressive of the feelings of this Conference in view of the death of Bishop Early, to be read at the Memorial service appointed under resolution previously passed. George W. Nolley, Leroy M. Lee, H. B. Cowles, William B. Rowzie, W. W. Bennett, Alex. G. Brown and William E. Judkins were appointed said committee.

And then the Conference adjourned.

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## SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, November 27, 1873.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Keener in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by George W. Nolley.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Frederick Bickel, a local preacher of Broad Street Station, Richmond; John H. Kabler, a local preacher of Campbell Circuit; Henry C. Paulette, a local preacher of Hanover Circuit; John H. Patterson, a local preacher of Centenary Station, Lynchburg; William R. Smithey, a local preacher of Amelia Circuit; Charles H. Green, a local preacher of Hertford Circuit; Thomas M. Simpson, a local preacher of Hertford Circuit; Herbert M. Hope, a local preacher of Dinwiddie Street Station, Portsmouth; and James H. Maynard, a local preacher of Hanover Circuit; were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of those charges as suitable persons to be admitted into the traveling connection on trial, passed in examination of character, and were admitted accordingly.

Edward Hebard, a local Deacon of Berlin Circuit, was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of that Circuit for ordination as an Elder, passed in examination of character, certified his approval of the doctrines and discipline of the M. E. Church, South, and was elected to Elders' orders accordingly.

The Conference engaged in religious services appropriate to this day, which has been set apart by the President of the United States as a day of National Thanksgiving.

James A. Duncan conducted the worship, and made an appropriate address to the Conference.

The name of Joshua L. Garrett was called, when P. A. Peterson stated that he was ready to prefer a complaint against him involving his moral

character. The Bishop appointed a committee of three, according to the Disciplinary provision in such case, to investigate the matter, viz: Wm. B. Rowzie, John B. Laurens, and H. H. Gary.

On motion of Robert W. Watts and W. W. Bennett,

*Resolved*, That a committee of seven be appointed to take into consideration the subject of colportage, and to present a plan by which our literature may be more generally circulated among our people.

The Chair appointed W. W. Bennett, Robert W. Watts, John Bayley, E. B. Brown, J. W. Stubbs, W. A. Crocker, and Alex. G. Brown.

A communication from the Baltimore Book and Publishing Company to this Conference was read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A communication tendering the buildings and grounds in Farmville known as "Farmville College" to the Conference was presented and read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

And then the Conference adjourned.

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### THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, November 28, 1873.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Keener in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Henry B. Cowles.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

A communication from the authorities of the First Baptist Church, Bute street, (colored), of this city, requesting the services of a minister on Sunday next, was presented and read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Public Worship.

A communication from L. C. Lawrence, J. N. Lawrence and J. O. Lawrence, administrators of J. V. Lawrence, deceased; R. S. Parker, John W. Harrell, James W. Hill and J. J. Yeates, attorneys for the executor of John W. Southall, deceased, respecting Wesleyan Female College, Murfreesboro, N. C., was presented to the Conference, read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

William E. Mitchell, who was continued on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and, being absent and in bad health, was, on motion, continued on trial.

William E. Evans, who was continued on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and was further continued on trial.

Werter H. Gregory, James F. Twitty and James E. Gates, who were continued on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, were examined before the Conference by the Bishop as directed by the Discipline, and were severally admitted into full connection; and Werter H. Gregory was elected to Deacons' orders (J. F. Twitty being already a Deacon and J. E. Gates an Elder.)



Thomas H. Campbell, Lewis A. Guy, Richard J. Moorman and Christian Evers, who were admitted on trial into the traveling connection at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were severally continued on trial; and Lewis A. Guy and Christian Evers having passed an approved examination on the studies of the second year, as well as of the first, were severally elected to Deacons' orders.

James A. Duncan, President of Randolph Macon College, read to the Conference a Report on the Condition of the College, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Education. (See Reports.)

William B. Rowzie, from the committee of investigation in the case of Joshua L. Garrett, made a report, which was adopted; but the vote adopting the report was subsequently, on the motion of Jacob Manning, reconsidered, by a vote of 98 ayes to 12 noes, and it was ordered that another committee be appointed to investigate said case.

And then the Conference adjourned.

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#### FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, November 29, 1873.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Keener in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by William B. Rowzie.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

John T. Weaver, an Elder formerly in connection with the Methodist Protestant Church in the Virginia District, who has adhered to the M. E. Church, South, under the action of this Conference and of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, passed in examination of character; and it was ordered that his name be placed on the Conference roll.

A petition from the Quarterly Conference of Culpeper Circuit to this Conference, on the subject of the sale and use of intoxicating drinks, and legislation concerning the same, was laid before the Conference, read, and referred to the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference.

It was ordered, that William R. Cobb be placed on the superannuated list.

John Q. Rhodes, who was continued as a Deacon at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and was elected to Elders' orders.

John T. Moore, a local preacher of New Kent Circuit, was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of that Circuit for admission into the traveling connection on trial, passed in examination of character, and was admitted accordingly.

Frederick Bickel, who was admitted on trial into the traveling connection on yesterday, applied for election to Deacons' orders; and it appearing that he is employed in the missionary work, and the Conference judging it expedient that he should be ordained, he was elected to Deacon's orders accordingly.



Daniel G. C. Butts and James Thomas Lumpkin, who were admitted into full connection and ordained Deacons at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were continued as Deacons.

And then the Conference adjourned.

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## FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, December 1, 1873.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Keener in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Jacob Manning.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Bishop Keener reported the following ordinations:

On yesterday morning, at Cumberland Street Church in this city, the following persons, as Deacons: Werter H. Gregory, Christian Evers, Lewis A. Guy, Frederick Bickel and John A. Herndon; and at Granby Street Church last night, the following, as Elders: William E. Payne, George M. Wright, Edward M. Jordan, John Q. Rhodes, William P. Jordan, Newton H. Cox and Edward Hebard.

The examination of the characters of Elders was resumed, and it was ordered that John McClelland be superannuated, and that a certificate of location be granted to William W. Walker, at his own request.

P. A. Peterson tendered his resignation of the office of Assistant Secretary, on account of sickness, which was accepted; and, on motion of Paul Whitehead, S. S. Lambeth was appointed in his stead.

A report from Alexander G. Brown, Financial Secretary of Randolph Macon College, concerning the fiscal affairs of the College, was read by him to the Conference, and referred to the Committee on Education. [See Reports.]

D. P. Wills, from the Preachers' Educational Board of this Conference, made a report [See Reports], which was read, and the resolution appended adopted, viz:

*Resolved*, That as an expression of our approval of the object contemplated by the Educational Board represented in the foregoing report, we here and now proceed to take up a collection and subscription in aid of the funds.

The collection and subscription was then taken, and amounted to \$812.55.

On motion of W. W. Bennett, the action of the Conference respecting the case of Joshua L. Garrett, from the time of the report of the Investigating Committee, of which William B. Rowzie was chairman, was reconsidered, and the report of the committee was adopted and the character of Joshua L. Garrett passed. The report is as follows:

The committee of investigation appointed in the case of the Rev. Joshua L. Garrett, having carefully weighed the complaints against him, and also his explanations, would respectfully report that, while they are convinced that the statements of Rev. Joshua L. Garrett were contradictory, and were such as required both to be explained and investigated, yet the committee are satisfied that in making these statements there was on his part no serious intention to deceive, and therefore recommend the passage of his character.

WM. B. ROWZIE, Chairman,  
H. H. GARY,  
J. B. LAURENS.

On motion of W. W. Bennett, to-morrow afternoon, at half-past three o'clock, was set apart for a session of this Conference to elect delegates, clerical and lay, to the next General Conference.

On motion, leave of absence was granted to John T. Weaver and John J. Lafferty.

And then the Conference adjourned.

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## SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, December 2, 1873.

### MORNING SESSION.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Keener in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by D. P. Wills.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by A. G. Brown, and adopted :

WHEREAS, The collections ordered by the Conference have not only fallen far short of the assessments, but have yielded no more than was realized from these sources last year; and whereas, the heavy deficits on account of these collections, which have occurred year after year, have not only hindered our missionary and educational enterprises, but have required those of our ministers who were least able to bear them, to suffer serious losses, and have deprived the widows and orphans of our deceased brethren of a large proportion of the small and insufficient amounts assessed for their relief; and whereas, we believe that these deficiencies have resulted not so much from the pecuniary inability of our people to pay the amounts assessed, as from the unscriptural principles and defective plans which obtain among us, in regard to the duty of giving unto the Lord according to the ability with which He has entrusted us; therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That Bishop Keener be, and he is hereby, earnestly requested, at some time during this session of our Conference, to preach a sermon upon this important branch of Christian duty and privilege.

*Resolved*, 2. That our Pastors and Presiding Elders be, and they are hereby, earnestly requested, during the ensuing Conference year, to give this subject that prominence in their pulpit ministrations and pastoral intercourse which its great importance so imperatively demands; that they preach on this subject at least once during the year, in all of our congregations, and urge the claims of our benevolent enterprises by all the powerful motives of the Gospel.

*Resolved*, 3. That our preachers and lay officials be, and they are hereby, earnestly requested to begin their collections as early as practicable after the adjournment of the Conference, and to repeat them at suitable intervals during the year, until the amounts required shall have been realized; that they take up the educational and missionary funds in the months of April, May and June, and the Conference and Bishops' collections in the months of July, August and September, reserving the remainder of the Conference year for any special collections it may be necessary to raise on account of current expenses, &c.; that they take up their collections, not by subscriptions to be paid at any time before the session of the Conference next ensuing, but that they endeavor, as far as possible, to secure the cash in hand when the subscriptions are made; deferred payments, if possible, should be avoided.

A communication from the officers of the Third Street Church (colored), Richmond, Va., to this Conference, in reference to the transfer of church property to them, was laid before the Conference, and, on motion of J. C. Granbery, referred to a special committee of three.

The Chair appointed A. C. Bledsoe, B. F. Woodward and Thomas Branch, to compose said committee.

George H. Ray, from the Committee on Sunday Schools, made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports.]

A paper on the subject of a Memorial of Robert Williams was presented to the Conference by P. A. Peterson, J. W. Hinton and George M. Bain, Jr., committee appointed by the Norfolk District Conference for that purpose, which was read, and, on motion of P. A. Peterson, referred to a committee of three preachers and two laymen.

W. W. Bennett, John D. Blackwell, Joseph A. Proctor, James W. Hinton and George M. Bain, Jr., were appointed to compose the committee.

Resolutions of the Quarterly Conference of the Dinwiddie Street Station, Portsmouth, on the same subject, were referred to the same committee.

The Conference entered upon the Memorial services for which this morning was set apart; and, after introductory worship conducted by Bishop Keener, Leroy M. Lee and Henry B. Cowles, Bishop D. S. Doggett preached from the Acts of the Apostles, xiii., 36, a sermon in memory of our late venerable Bishop John Early; and, after the reading of a letter from Bishop Paine, George W. Nolley, from the special committee appointed to prepare a tribute to the memory of Bishop Early, presented a report, which was read and approved, and ordered to be spread on the Conference Journal.

On motion of W. E. Judkins, the Conference requested Bishop Doggett to furnish a copy of the sermon delivered by him this morning for preservation among the records of the Conference, and for publication in the *Richmond and Nashville Advocates*.

And then the Conference adjourned, to meet again at 3½ o'clock P.M.

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION, 3½ O'CLOCK.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Keener in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Robert Michaels.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Robert M. Saunders, an Elder of our Church, who located at the session of the Mobile Conference held at Meridian December 7, 1868, applied for readmission into the traveling connection, produced a certificate of recommendation from the Quarterly Conference of the Granby Street Station, Norfolk, to which he belongs, passed in examination of character, and was readmitted accordingly.

Charles W. Pettit, a preacher lately connected with the Methodist Protestant Church, who wishes to adhere to our Church under the action of the two Churches in 1870, passed in examination of character, and it was ordered that his name be placed on the Conference roll.

The following preamble and resolution, offered by Robert Michaels, J. E. Broadwater and others, were adopted:

WHEREAS, The extension of the pastoral term has been a subject of controversy in our Church papers; and whereas, the judgment of the Church against the further extension of the pastorate was decidedly expressed in the action of the General Conference of 1870; therefore,  
*Resolved*, That we, the members of the Virginia Annual Conference, deprecate the agitation of the question, and request our delegates to the General Conference to use their influence against reopening it.

The Conference proceeded, according to resolution of yesterday, to ballot for delegates to the next General Conference, with the following result :

*First ballot for clerical delegates :* Whole number of votes, 130 ; necessary to a choice, 66. James A. Duncan received 89 votes ; Leroy M. Lee, 88 ; William W. Bennett, 71 ; Peter A. Peterson, 70 ; John E. Edwards, 56 ; John C. Granbery, 53 ; Lemuel S. Reed, 52 ; Edward P. Wilson, 44 ; John D. Blackwell, 35 ; Robert N. Sledd, 35 ; Alex. G. Brown, 29 ; Paul Whitehead, 25 ; George H. Ray, 20 ; Joseph H. Davis, 18 ; William McGee, 18 ; John M. Saunders, 15. Scattering votes, 170.

James A. Duncan, Leroy M. Lee, William W. Bennett and Peter A. Peterson were declared duly elected.

*First ballot for lay delegates :* Whole number of votes, 33 ; necessary to a choice, 17. D'Arcy Paul received 27 votes ; F. H. Smith, 26 ; George M. Bain, Jr., 21 ; Joseph E. Broadwater, 20 ; Richard Pollard, 19 ; W. W. Webb, 14 ; Samuel Downing, 13. Scattering votes, 81.

D'Arcy Paul, Francis H. Smith, George M. Bain, Jr., Joseph E. Broadwater and Richard Pollard were declared duly elected.

*Second ballot for clerical delegates :* Whole number of votes, 123 ; necessary to a choice, 62. L. S. Reed received 58 votes ; John E. Edwards, 55 ; Edward P. Wilson, 49 ; John C. Granbery, 46 ; John D. Blackwell, 30 ; Alex. G. Brown, 29 ; Robert N. Sledd, 26 ; Paul Whitehead, 21 ; William McGee, 13. Scattering votes, 39.

*Second ballot for lay delegates :* Whole number of votes, 29 ; necessary to a choice, 15. Samuel Downing received 14 votes ; W. W. Webb, 11 ; William Grant, 10. Scattering votes, 23.

There being no election on second ballot of either clerical or lay delegates,

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

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## SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, December 3, 1873.

### MORNING SESSION.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Keener in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by John B. Laurens.

The minutes of the afternoon session of yesterday were read and approved.

Leave of absence during the remainder of the session was granted to Joshua L. Garrett and Hugh Jackson.

On motion of D. P. Wills, a certificate of location was granted to Charles V. Bingley, at his own request.

John C. Granbery, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Conference, read the report of the Board concerning its operations and those of our missionaries during the year, which was adopted. [See Reports]

A communication from A. H. Redford, Agent of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, with reference to the financial relief of the House, was read; and, on motion of P. A. Peterson,

*Resolved*, That so soon as we shall arrive at the appointments which we shall receive at the Conference, we will try to sell one hundred dollars' worth of our publications; and that we will transmit, if possible, at least the above amount within thirty days, or, at the farthest, within ninety days, after we shall reach our destination.

Bishop D. S. Doggett brought before the Conference the matter of relieving him of personal obligation on a bond of the Publishing Committee of the Richmond *Christian Advocate*, to the North Carolina Conference Relief Society. After full discussion of the matter, on motion of Alex. G. Brown, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, Dr. Bennett has generously proposed to assume a debt due to the North Carolina Conference Relief Society, for the payment of which Bishop D. S. Doggett and Revs. Nelson Head and William B. Rowzie are personally responsible in the sum of \$1,250, with accrued interest; therefore,

*Resolved*, That Dr. Bennett be, and he is hereby, authorized to negotiate with the North Carolina Conference Relief Society, for the payment of the same, on such terms as may be mutually agreeable.

On motion of R. W. Watts,

*Resolved*, That as members of this Conference we will endeavor to double the subscription list of the Richmond *Christian Advocate*.

A. C. Bledsoe, from the special committee on the application of the officers of the Third Street Church (colored), Richmond, Va., made a report, for which a substitute was offered by D. P. Wills; when, on motion, the report and substitute were laid on the table for the present that opportunity may be afforded to consult the Journals of the General Conferences of 1866 and 1870.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to Geo. W. Langhorne, Thomas M. Beckham, Thomas H. Campbell George M. Wright, Dr. J. A. Wingfield and John D. Southall.

On motion of L. M. Lee,

*Resolved*, That the Joint Board of Finance be instructed to omit the subject of missions from the list of assessments; and that the collections for missions be left to the zeal of the ministers, and the love and liberality of the Church.

L. M. Lee, as co-Trustee with Bishop D. S. Doggett of one of the legacies of Rev. Daniel Hall, deceased, and as surviving Trustee of the other legacy of the same, made a report of the condition and management of said legacies, which was adopted; and it was ordered that Dr. Lee be paid \$100 for traveling expenses in settling the claim of these funds against the Publishing House. [See Reports.]

L. M. Lee tendered the resignations of himself and of Bishop D. S. Doggett as Trustees of the aforesaid legacies, which were accepted; and, on motion, Alex. G. Brown and W. W. Bennett were appointed Trustees

to hold and manage the funds arising from the legacies of Rev. Daniel Hall, deceased, for the benefit of the superannuated preachers.

W. W. Bennett, from the Committee on a Memorial of Rev. Robt. Williams, made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports]

John R. Kilby, President of the "Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference, their Families, their Widows and Orphans," made a report of the operations of the Society, including the report of the Secretary and Treasurer, J. H. Dawson, which was adopted. [See Reports.] And, on motion, the following persons were elected Directors of the said Society for the ensuing year:

John R. Kilby, of Suffolk, Va.; Jesse J. Yeates and H. T. Lassiter, of Murfreesboro, N. C.; J. W. Hinton and J. H. Dawson, of Norfolk, Va.; George M. Bain, Jr., of Portsmouth, Va.; D'Arcy Paul, of Petersburg, Va.; Richard Irby, of Richmond, Va.; and W. W. Webb, of Lunenburg, Va.

W. W. Bennett, from the Committee on Colportage, made a report, which was laid on the table for the present.

On motion of W. W. Bennett, the Conference resolved, when it shall adjourn, to meet again at 3½ o'clock P. M., to complete the election of delegates, lay and clerical, from this Conference to the next General Conference.

Also, on motion of Robert W. Watts and Thomas Branch, it was

*Resolved*, That the Conference hold a night session, beginning at 7¼ o'clock, and that the report of the Committee on Memoirs be the order of the day for that hour.

And then the Conference adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, 3½ O'CLOCK.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Keener in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by George W. Langhorne.

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

James L. Fisher was granted a certificate of location, at his own request.

The Conference resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Third Street Church's (colored) application; and, on motion of P. A. Peterson, the following preamble and resolution were adopted in place of the report of the Committee:

WHEREAS, Application has been made to this Annual Conference by the Third Street congregation, African M. E. Church, of Richmond, to release to them the church edifice which they now occupy, and which is held by Trustees in the name and for the use and benefit of the M. E. Church, South; and whereas, this question is one that does not properly belong to this Annual Conference, but to the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Annual Conference cannot, under the provisions of our Discipline, alienate said church edifice.



The Conference then proceeded to elect the remaining delegates, clerical and lay, to the next General Conference.

The third ballot for clerical delegates resulted as follows : Whole number of votes, 123—necessary to a choice, 62. John E. Edwards received 77 votes ; Lemuel S. Reed, 67 ; John C. Granbery, 64 ; Edward P. Wilson, 56 ; Alex. G. Brown, 25 ; Robert N. Sledd, 21 ; John D. Blackwell, 18 ; Paul Whitehead, 18. Scattering votes, 23.

John E. Edwards, Lemuel S. Reed and John C. Granbery were declared duly elected.

The third ballot for lay delegates resulted as follows . Whole number of votes, 28—necessary to a choice, 15. William Grant received 15 votes ; T. W. Garrett, 12 ; Samuel Downing, 7 ; William W. Webb, 7 ; J. W. Stubbs, 4 ; Thomas Branch, 3. Scattering votes, 8.

William Grant was declared duly elected.

The fourth ballot for lay delegates resulted as follows ; Whole number of votes, 28—necessary to a choice, 15. Thomas W. Garrett received 17 votes ; William W. Webb, 8 ; Thomas Branch, 3.

Thomas W. Garrett was declared duly elected.

On motion of W. W. Bennett, the Conference resolved to elect three clerical and three lay reserves, to serve in the order of their election, in case any of the delegates elected, should be unable to attend.

The first ballot for clerical reserves resulted as follows : Whole number of votes, 111—necessary to a choice, 56. Edward P. Wilson received 74 votes ; Alex. G. Brown, 58 ; John D. Blackwell, 48 ; Robert N. Sledd, 47 ; Paul Whitehead, 42 ; George H. Ray, 11 ; William McGee, 8. Scattering votes, 45.

Edward P. Wilson and Alex. G. Brown were declared duly elected ; and, on motion, John D. Blackwell having received the next highest vote, was declared duly elected as the third reserve.

First ballot for lay reserves : Whole number of votes, 28—necessary to a choice, 15. William W. Webb received 21 votes ; Thomas Branch, 12 ; T. B. Hamlin, 7 ; John R. Kilby, 7 ; J. W. Stubbs, 6 ; J. C. Deming, 5 ; F. M. Wright, 4 ; J. Cannon, 4. Scattering votes, 17.

W. W. Webb was declared duly elected.

Second ballot for lay reserves : Whole number of votes, 22—necessary to a choice, 12. Thomas Branch received 13 votes ; J. W. Stubbs, 7 ; J. C. Deming, 7 ; John R. Kilby, 7. Scattering votes, 10.

Thomas Branch was declared duly elected.

Third ballot for lay reserves : Whole number of votes, 22—necessary to a choice, 12. John R. Kilby received 14 votes ; J. C. Deming, 4 ; J. W. Stubbs, 3 ; T. B. Hamlin, 1.

J. R. Kilby was declared duly elected.

And then the Conference adjourned.

## NIGHT SESSION, 7½ O'CLOCK.

Conference met according to adjournment. J. A. Duncan in the chair. Religious services were conducted by Robert W. Watts.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

George E. Booker, from the Committee on Memoirs, made a report containing memoirs of George N. Guy, Matthew M. Dance, Jeremiah McMullan and Robert J. Carson, members of this Conference, who have died during the year now ending, which were read; and, after appropriate remarks by brethren who were acquainted with the deceased, the report was adopted and ordered to be published in the General Minutes. [See Memoirs.]

On motion of Alexander G. Brown, the following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That we have received, with sincere sorrow, intelligence of the death of Rev. Wm. G. Cross, a member of the Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and formerly, and for many years, a prominent member of this body.

*Resolved*, That in the death of Brother Cross we have experienced a sad bereavement, and our Church has lost from her ministry one whose life and character illustrated in an eminent degree the power and excellency of the religion which he so faithfully and ably expounded.

*Resolved*, That we tender to the family of our deceased brother the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their deep affliction, and invoke for them the protection and support of the Great Head of the Church.

Rev. M. W. Staples, General Agent of the Virginia Bible Society, was introduced to the Conference, and addressed it on the subject of the circulation of the Scriptures in the State.

And then the Conference adjourned.

## EIGHTH DAY.

THURSDAY, December 4, 1873.

## MORNING SESSION.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Keener in the chair. Religious exercises were conducted by Alfred Wiles.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

Bishop Keener, not having found opportunity to preach a sermon on the subject of Christian beneficence, as requested by resolution of this body, addressed the Conference on this subject.

The resolutions of Alex. G. Brown on the subject of the modes of electing lay delegates to this Conference were taken up and adopted as follows:

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A. G. Brown offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted by a rising vote :

WHEREAS, Our venerable brother, D'Arcy Paul, of Petersburg, Va., has been prevented by the delicate state of his health from attendance upon this session of our Conference; and whereas, his eminent piety and fidelity to the Church through many years, as well as the official relation he has so long held to this body, in which he has been not only the chief custodian of its funds, but the liberal supporter and zealous advocate of all its benevolent enterprises, entitle him to our affectionate regard; therefore,

*Resolved*, That, while we humbly and reverently recognize the Mighty Hand of God in the affliction of our brother, and bow submissively to His will, the absence of Brother Paul from this session of our Conference is deeply regretted by every member of this body, and we offer him the assurance of our sympathies, and prayers to God, that amid the cares of life and the infirmities of extreme age, which press heavily upon him now, he may abundantly realize the precious promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

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By L. M. Lee, as a substitute for the foregoing :

Insert after "division of Conference," the words, "on a line with the railroad from Fredericksburg and Alexandria to Weldon, N. C."

By Wesley C. Vaiden :

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Memorials be instructed to memorialize the General Conference so to amend Chap. IX., sec. 2, page 146 of the Discipline, as to make it read as follows: "The District Stewards shall apportion the amounts allowed among the different pastoral charges of the District according to the amounts paid to their several pastors the year next preceding the said apportionment."

On motion of Leroy M. Lee and D. P. Wills :

*Resolved*, That the members of this body be, and hereby are, instructed to preach on the subject of Missions, and take up collections for the same, at an early period of each Conference year; and that they be required not to blend the collection for Missions with the other collections ordered by the Conference.

On motion of J. H. Davis, it was ordered that, for the remainder of the session, speakers be restricted to five minutes, and not allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject.

The number of local preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference, was reported in answer to Minute question 21, page 43 of Discipline. [See General Statistics.]

The number of baptisms, infant and adult, during the year, was reported in answer to Minute questions 22 and 23. [See General Statistics.]

The statistics of Sunday Schools were reported in answer to questions 24, 25 and 26, Discipline, page 43. [See General Statistics.]

On motion of W. E. Judkins,

*Resolved*, That Peter A. Peterson be requested to publish the Minutes of this Conference session; and that the Conference subscribe money enough to defray the expenses of publication.

On motion of W. W. Bennett and R. W. Watts, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

WHEREAS, We learn that the Parent Board of Missions has memorialized the General Conference to leave the question of appropriations for all Missions, foreign and domestic, to the entire control of said Board; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Conference cannot consent to such arrangement, and that our delegates to the General Conference be, and are hereby, instructed to oppose this measure.

Bishop D. S. Doggett in the chair.

On motion, John W. F. Jones was located at his own request, and Joseph H. Riddick placed on the supernumerary list.

John C. Granbery, from the Committee on Education, made a report, which, with the accompanying resolutions, was adopted. [See Reports.]

On motion of W. W. Bennett and H. B. Cowles,

*Resolved*, That an appeal be made to all our people and friends to contribute to a fund to be known as the Randolph Macon College endowment and building fund. The fund so contributed shall be safely invested, so as to secure a reasonable rate or interest, and shall be used for no other purpose than the erection of suitable buildings and the safe endowment of the institution.

On motion of H. B. Cowles, it was

*Resolved*, That, when we adjourn, we will adjourn to meet again at 4 o'clock P. M., and that the order of the day at 5 o'clock P. M. be the selection of the place of holding the next session of this Conference.

Also, that a night session of Conference be held, beginning at 7½ o'clock.

And then the Conference adjourned.



## AFTERNOON SESSION, 4 O'CLOCK.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Doggett in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by William B. Rowzie.

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

On motion of George C. Vanderslice and Paul Whitehead,

*Resolved*, That the third Sunday in April, 1874, be set apart as a day of special prayer for the blessing of God on our institutions of learning, and that our preachers be requested to preach sermons suitable to the occasion.

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, reported a recommendation that the financial plan of the Conference be so amended that *all* assessments shall hereafter be made "according to ability," and in no case "per capita." The recommendation was adopted, and the plan amended accordingly.

On motion of G. E. Booker, it was ordered that collections be taken up in all our charges in the months of March and April next to defray the expenses of our delegates to the next General Conference, the amount of said collections to be forwarded to J. A. Duncan, Ashland, Va.

T. A. Ware, from the Committee on the Bible Cause, made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports.]

On motion of A. G. Brown,

*Resolved*, That P. A. Peterson be authorized to publish 3,000 copies of the Minutes of this Conference, and apportion the money necessary to defray the expenses thereof to the several pastoral charges of the Conference, according to the ability of the charges, on the basis of other apportionments of the collections ordered by the Conference; and we pledge ourselves to be personally responsible for the amount apportioned to our charges severally.

The Conference took up the order of the day, viz: The selection of the place at which the next Conference shall be held. Main Street Church, Danville, Elizabeth City, N. C., Trinity Church and Broad Street Church, Richmond, were nominated; and the vote being taken, Elizabeth City, N. C., was unanimously selected as the place for holding the next session of this Conference.

On motion of J. C. Granbery,

*Resolved*, That Rev. Henry B. Cowles, Rev. William H. Christian and Rev. William E. Judkins, of this Conference, and Richard Pollard and Edward S. Brown, of Lynchburg, be requested to devise a plan for erecting a suitable monument over the grave of Bishop Early, and report to the next Annual Conference.

And then the Conference adjourned.

## NIGHT SESSION, 7½ O'CLOCK.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Keener in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Robert A. Armistead.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Alex. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance made a report, which was adopted, and the funds distributed. [See Financial Exhibit.]

Answers to Minute questions 27 and 28, pages 43 and 44 of Discipline, were furnished by this report, as follows [See Financial Exhibit] :

Assessed for support of superannuated preachers, widows and orphans.....	\$6,400.00
Collected for same.....	\$5,046.23
Applied to superannuated preachers.....	\$1,170.75
Applied to widows and orphans of deceased preachers.....	3,714.10
	<u>4,884.85</u>
Balance in hand and stationary.....	\$161.38

The amount collected for Missions was reported in answer to Minute question 29, page 44 of Discipline, to be \$7,571.12, including special donation to Mexican Mission. [See Financial Exhibit.]

The President of the Conference announced the following to compose the Joint Board of Finance for the ensuing year :

Alex. G. Brown, Oscar Littleton, James C. Martin, Robert W. Watts, William H. Christian, John D. Southall, James W. Blincoe, Edward M. Peterson, W. G. Starr, J. P. Garland, William Willis, Jr., Edwin B. Brown, Garland B. Hanes, W. A. Smith, W. W. Webb, D'Arcy Paul, J. R. Kilby, Thomas W. Garrett, Joseph E. Broadwater and George M. Bain, Jr.

John E. Edwards, from the Board of Missions of this Conference, reported the appropriations for the ensuing year, as follows :

*Richmond District*—Sidney, \$400 ; Rocketts, \$100 ; Williamsburg, \$150. Total, \$650.

*Charlottesville District*—Gordonsville, \$350 ; Piedmont Mission, \$100 ; Fluvanna, \$200. Total, \$650.

*Lynchburg District*—Leesville Mission, \$200 ; Lynchburg Mission, \$300 ; Amherst Mission, \$100. Total, \$600.

*Danville District*—Dan River Mission, \$150 ; Ringgold Mission, \$100 ; Bannister Mission, \$200 ; Alleghany Mission, \$150. Total, \$600.

*Petersburg District*—Ettricks, \$400 ; Wesley Chapel, \$200. Total, \$600.

*Norfolk District*—Berkley, \$200 ; Second Street Portsmouth, \$300 ; Hampton, \$150 ; Jamestown Mission, \$250 ; Isle of Wight, \$100. Total, \$1,000.

*Randolph Macon District*—Logan Mission, \$150 ; Culpeper, \$300. Total, \$450.

*Farmville District*—Clarksville, \$250 ; Lunenburg Mission, \$300. Total, \$550.

*Eastern Shore District*—Wicomico, \$100 ; Belle Haven, \$50 ; Pocomoke, \$50. Total, \$200.

*Murfreesboro District*—Chuckatuck, \$150.

German Mission, \$1,200. Total appropriations, \$6,650.

On motion of J. C. Granbery,

*Resolved*, That during the next year we will endeavor to raise for Missions at least the \$15,000 asked by the General Board.

J. S. R. Clarke, from the Committee on Publishing Interests, made a report. The first three paragraphs and the tenth were rejected, and the remainder of the report adopted. [See Reports.]

Joseph Lear, from the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference, made a report, which was amended by the insertion of the following, on motion of J. A. Duncan :

*Resolved*, That we respectfully urge upon the next General Conference to provide for the establishment of District Schools throughout the Church, according to the plan already adopted by the Holston Conference.

And, on motion of Paul Whitehead, by striking out the non-concurrence of the Committee, and inserting in its stead the memorial of said Whitehead in reference to the amendment of the law of trial, pages 121 and 131 of the Discipline.

That part of the report referring to the resolution of A. G. Brown concerning the division of the Conference, and the substitute therefor of Dr. Lee, was laid upon the table ; and the resolutions in reference to the memorial from the Culpeper Quarterly Conference were substituted, on motion of J. A. Duncan, by the following :

That while we approve of the spirit of the memorial, we consider that the object sought to be obtained is already embraced by the General Rules and legislation of our Church.

And the report was then adopted as a whole. [See Reports.]

Bishop Doggett addressed the Conference briefly, taking an affectionate leave of the body ; when,

On motion of J. E. Edwards,

*Resolved*, That we highly appreciate the visit of Bishop Doggett to our Conference, and express the wish that whenever in his power he will favor us with his presence in our Conference sessions.

J. D. Blackwell, from the Committee on Public Worship, announced the appointment of preacher of the Conference opening sermon : J. H. Davis ; and J. H. Amiss, alternate.

On motion of J. E. Edwards,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference be, and they are hereby, tendered to our presiding officer, Bishop John C. Keener, for the able and courteous manner in which he has presided over our deliberations ; and that we will give him a cordial welcome whenever he shall again visit us, in the course of official duty or otherwise.

On motion of J. E. Edwards,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Conference be, and they are hereby, tendered—

1. To the pastors and members of the several churches who have kindly offered us the use of their respective houses of worship.
2. To the officers and agents of the different steamboat and railroad lines and other public conveyances, by whom privileges of reduced fare have been extended to members of this Conference.
3. To the citizens of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Berkley and Atlantic City, for their hospitable entertainment of the members of the Conference during the session.
4. To the Secretaries of the Conference for the faithful and assiduous discharge of their duties.
5. To the reporters of the press for their reports of the Conference proceedings.

The minutes of the present session were read and approved.

Bishop Keener, after religious exercises, conducted by himself, and appropriate remarks, announced the appointment of the preachers to their respective charges.

And then the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

J. C. KEENER, *President*.

PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Secretary*.

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### III.

## TRIBUTE TO THE LATE BISHOP JOHN EARLY.

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JOHN EARLY was born in Bedford county, Va., January 1st, 1786, and died in the city of Lynchburg, Va., on the morning of the 5th November, 1873, aged 87 years 10 months and 4 days.

He was converted on the 22d April, 1804, under the ministry of Rev. Stith Mead. His parents were Baptists, but he united with the Methodists and gave early promise of his devotion to the Master's Cause.

"In 1806 he was licensed to preach. Among those who received the benefit of his first labors were the slaves of President Jefferson. He began his Ministry by preaching the Gospel to the poor, and doing the duty that lay next to him."

After a few rounds on the Bedford Circuit, under the direction of the Presiding Elder, he was recommended for the work of the itinerant ministry and admitted on trial into the Virginia Conference February, 1807.

The Conference embraced at that time a large portion of the State of North Carolina, and its session was held in Newbern. Then and there with sixteen other young men, John Early was enrolled as a Methodist itinerant preacher. In 1809 he was admitted into full connection with the Conference and ordained Deacon; after two years farther probation he was ordained Elder.

His appointments were: 1807—Cumberland Circuit, Richmond District, Archibald Alexander, John Early; 1808—Camden Circuit, Norfolk District, Benjamin Devany, John Early; 1809—Tar River Circuit, Newbern District; 1810—Caswell Circuit, Raleigh District; 1811-'12—Greensville Circuit, Meherrin District.

In each of the last four appointments there were also two preachers, but John Early's name stands first, showing that from the date of his Deaconate he was put in charge of work.

Bishop Asbury and Bishop McKendree perceived his administrative ability, and in 1813 and 1814 he appears on the minutes as Presiding Elder of the Meherrin District, reaching from Richmond to Lynchburg.

In 1815 he located—a step not uncommon in that day, whenever the care of a family came upon the preacher, and one necessitated by the inadequate support furnished by the Church. In 1821, however, he reappears as Presiding Elder of his old District, and continued such for three years.

In this field of labor his zeal flamed out afresh, and was crowned with abundant fruits. Great and gracious revivals succeeded each other on the various Circuits, and hundreds of souls were converted. He describes it as "A time of unction generally." He was "Like a general with his eye on the whole field, and pushing the battle all along the line." He not only wrought himself, but he energized other workers. He formed five branches of the Missionary Society, and projected four others, thus kindling the missionary spirit throughout his District.

As a revelation of his own interest in and appreciation of the missionary work, we quote the following from his own language of that period: "Cold is the heart that takes no interest in the missionary cause, especially if it be found among the prophets. Let my right hand forget its cunning if I forget thee, O! Jerusalem. Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy."

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With this Conference he had been identified in labors and love for sixty-six years. But two of our members survive who entered the Conference before him, and none who so long were engaged in the active work of the ministry.

We therefore feel ourselves bereaved of an honored leader and a conspicuous landmark. But our rejoicing is this: That he was not only spared to us so long, but that the Grace of God abounded towards His aged servant, and through a long and most eventful life, enabled him to work a mighty work. Thousands were brought to Christ through his ministry; and his flaming zeal, his unshaken devotion, and his peaceful end are the beacon lights to guide us, and the heritage of our memories *over* which we are given to rejoice and *through* which, though dead, he yet speaketh. Of him we may well say—

“Servant of God well done!  
Rest from thy loved employ,  
The battle fought, the victory won,  
Enter thy Master’s joy.”

In concluding this brief paper, we beg to offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we receive with profound sensibility this visitation of God in the removal, by death, of our beloved Bishop; but recognizing the fact, that our God doeth all things well, we bow with resignation to His sovereign will.

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## IV.

# MEMOIRS.

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### MATTHEW MAZE DANCE.

MATHEW MAZE DANCE departed this life on the 8th day of March, 1873, in the 84th year of his age, at his residence, in Prince Edward county, Va.

He was born January 29th, 1790, in the county of Dinwiddie, Va. He was the youngest of nine children. His father, Mathew Dance, was the elder of two sons of Stephen Dance, and was raised near Petersburg, Va. His great-grandfather was one of the earliest settlers of Virginia, and assisted in building the first house in Jamestown colony. He was one of the few survivors of the trials, dangers and diseases through which that colony passed, and was said to have obtained the extreme age of one hundred and twenty-five years. There is a tradition in the family, that he walked ten miles after he was one hundred years old. He raised seven sons, several of whom settled near Petersburg, and among those was M. M. Dance's grandfather, Stephen Dance.

His father was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, under the parochial care of that evangelical preacher, Rev. Devereaux Jarrett, who, before Methodism was known in Virginia, established classes in his parish similar to those instituted by Wesley in England.

In this Church his father was a lay-reader, or preacher, for some time, but dissevered himself from that communion and joined the Methodist a short while after that devout man of God, Rev. Robert Williams, preached the first Methodist Sermon, printed the first Methodist tract, and organized the first Methodist Society in Virginia, in the year 1772.

In 1774 Mr. Williams visited Petersburg, and during that year organized the Brunswick Circuit, then extending from Petersburg to Mecklenburg. In the bounds of Bath parish, over which Rev. Devereaux Jarrett presided, he organized societies, and it is probable Mathew Dance connected himself with the Methodist Church that year, and became a local preacher in its communion. In 1794 he moved to Lunenburg county, when Mathew Maze was about four years old.

At nine years of age the subject of this notice was sent to a boarding school in Charlotte county, taught by Rev. Wm. Spencer, whose rigid discipline served to curb the impetuosity of his ardent impulses, and whose character left a lasting impression upon his young mind.

He continued at this and other schools until 1804. In 1807 he accepted and taught a school of twenty pupils. In this year his christian life began. Brother Dance referred his first decided religious impressions to a prayer meeting for the colored people on the plantation of one of his brothers-in-law. So powerful were his convictions, and so deep his sense of guilt, that he despaired of mercy, and prior to his conversion, he stood up, and warned the people not to do as he had done, and sin away their day of grace. The five years following his conversion were spent in teaching school, and diligently improving his mind, and earnestly studying the Holy Scriptures. He joined the Virginia Conference, at its session in Richmond, February, 1812.

His first appointment was Bertie Circuit, then containing six counties, traveling about 300 miles, and preaching twenty-eight times in four weeks. In 1813 he was sent to the town of Manchester, and was the first



stationed preacher in that place. In 1814 he was appointed private secretary to Bishop Asbury, [who was in the habit of stationing all the preachers himself. This custom prevailed until the death of Asbury, in 1816, when Bishops Roberts and George introduced the present plan of using the Presiding Elder as counsel.] At this Conference, held in Norfolk 1814, Bishop Asbury ordained him deacon, and he was admitted to full connection. From this Conference he was appointed to the Raleigh Circuit, then including the city of Raleigh, N. C. The following year he was elected Secretary of the Virginia Conference, which post of labor and honor he filled with faithfulness to the Church and creditably to himself until 1822, when he located. From this Conference (1815) he was stationed in the city of Richmond. He was at this time the only Methodist preacher in that city. Here he was successor to the then distinguished Jesse Lee; and although still quite a young man he maintained his position creditably. At the Conference held in Petersburg, February, 1816, he was elected to Elders orders, and was ordained by Bishop McKendree. By this Conference he was elected to the second delegated General Conference, which met the ensuing May in the city of Baltimore. He was stationed this year in the city of Petersburg, where he laid the foundation of a new church; and in 1817 he was appointed to the Cumberland-Street Church in Norfolk.

In 1818 he married the accomplished Miss Susan T. Redd, daughter of John Redd, Esq., of Prince Edward county. His married life was one of continued happiness. He was blessed with a large family, numbering thirteen children, five of whom, with his aged widow, survive him. The succeeding two years were spent on the Mecklenburg Circuit.

In 1820 he was the second time elected to the General Conference, which met in Baltimore. He was elected on the first ballot, receiving every vote of the Conference except two, and one of these was his own. This year he was sent to Brunswick Circuit, and in 1821 he was again returned to the Mecklenburg Circuit.

In 1822 his family circumstances necessitated a location, and he settled in Prince Edward county, where he resided for fifty years, respected and beloved by all who knew him.

The year before his location he was elected Secretary of the Meherrin District Conference, which office he held until 1826, when the District Conferences, ordered by the General Conference of 1820, went into disuse.

In 1840 he resumed his connection with the Virginia Conference, and labored for some time as a missionary to the colored people in his neighborhood. In later life he was much afflicted. Repeated attacks of paralysis so shattered his constitution that he had to desist from the active work of the ministry. The loss of his voice was a great trial to him, for he loved to preach; but the grace of God enabled him to submit so cheerfully, that others were constrained to glorify God in him.

For years he was either on the supernumary, or superannuated list; but while he could not work for God in the pulpit, he was still "a living epistle known and read of all men."

When a young man he was handsome. He was urbane and polished in his manners and grew old gracefully. As a preacher he was terse, emphatic and persuasive. He was pointed and chaste, adding accurate exposition to touching pathos, and wherever he went he seemed clothed with an unction from on high.

The force of his personnel is seen in these facts: 1st. His becoming Asbury's secretary before he was admitted to full connection. 2d. His election to the office of Secretary of the Virginia Conference, as soon as he became a member of that body, and his continuance in that office until his location. 3d. His election to the General Conference as soon as he was eligible, and his re-election, almost unanimously, to the ensuing General Conference. The good old man, the faithful preacher, the kind husband, the devoted father, the true friend, is *dead*. The spotless purity of his life; the genial evenness of his temper; the transparency of his character, and his unwavering faith in God, make his memory blessed, and give us to feel that he was one of the links that bind us to a generation of fallen heroes. For sixty-one years he was a minister of the Methodist Church.

The last hours of Brother Dance were just what we might expect from so



dévoût a life, calm, peaceful, triumphant. Quietly and fearlessly He laid him down to die, like some martial hero who gathers his cloak about him, and lays down to sleep on the hard-fought battle field. A few days before his death he said to his daughter, who had waited on him for years, "You must not, with your kindness, keep me back from my rest." He said to a brother minister who visited him, "I am dying, my limbs feel cold and dead, but my faith in God is stronger than ever." So died this venerable man.

His funeral sermon was preached from the text—Philippians 1 ch., xxi ver.—"For me to live is Christ, and to die is a gain."

## JEREMIAH McMULLAN.

JEREMIAH McMULLAN was born November 2d, 1815, in Orange, now Greene, county, Va.

He received but a limited education in early life, yet being a man of a practical enquiring mind, he was enabled, in a measure, to supply the defects necessary resulting. He was converted as early as eighteen years of age, and though family influences opposed, he connected himself with the M. E. Church.

From his earliest recollection he was impressed with the idea that he was to become a preacher. However, this idea did not develope sufficiently to prevent him from assuming the responsibilities of the married state; and this necessarily directed his attention more fully to secular pursuits. Absorbed by these, he measurably lost sight of his call to the ministry. But his house becoming a home for the preachers, he was soon induced to exercise his gifts as a class-leader, with which alone he thought to satisfy his conscience, for three years. Conscience, however, would not excuse him, and he commenced and continued the study of theological works, in the midst of much mental distress, until the spring of 1841, at which time he determined to devote himself partially to the work of the ministry. Accordingly, he was then licensed and preached as a local minister for five years.

He now made application to his Quarterly Conference for a recommendation to the Virginia Annual Conference, to be received into the traveling connection; but having a large family, his application was refused. He then determined to study law; but God laid his afflicting hand upon him, and he was very near to the grave. His life, however, was spared, and, upon his recovery, he was employed by the Presiding Elder to travel the Blue Ridge Mission. Here his labors were owned and blessed of God to such an extent that his Quarterly Conference unanimously recommended him to the Annual Conference, by which he was received on trial.

To this same field he was sent, where he labored during the years of 1851-'54. Perhaps no man of that day had greater difficulties to encounter or severer trials to endure. It was a region in which Methodism was scarcely known at all, and the strongest prejudices existed against it. As he boldly pressed forward in the prosecution of his work, these prejudices often developed themselves in various forms of persecution. Yet none of these things moved him so as to frighten him from his work. God blessed the word preached, and there are to-day in that field men and women, standing as pillars in the Church of God, who own Brother McMullen as

their spiritual father. Indeed, the present faithful incumbent of the Piedmont Mission having gone to hear him preach, with the intention of chastising him unless a better opinion of him should be formed, was powerfully convicted and converted under the first sermon he heard. This spiritual son, though unable to read, was placed in the work, and after diligent study was licensed to preach, and through his instrumentality more than fifteen hundred souls have professed conversion and the greater part been added to the Church. Thus the seed sown by Brother McMullan have sprung up and produced more than a hundred fold. Three churches, through his instrumentality, now constitute a portion of Madison circuit, and praise as a sweet savor still lingers around their altars.

After leaving this field of labor he was sent to Hanover two years, Mecklenburg two, Albemarle two, Princess Anne two. Hertford four, Bertie three, Halifax four, and in 1872 to Boydton. Here he finished his labors on earth.

When taken sick he seemed to be aware that his end was nigh. Calling his family around him and giving them his dying injunctions, he took leave of them with the assurance of a blissful immortality. Thus, in the fifty-eighth year of his life, the thirty-second of his ministry, and the twenty-third of his Conference connection, he passed away. "His sun set while it was yet day," but no cloud arose to hide the rays that lingered even after the glorious disk had disappeared.

Brother McMullan did not forget his brethren of the Conference, even while in the arms of death, he sent a message of *love* to every brother. Let us treasure that love in our hearts, brethren, and let it so enshrine his example in our memories that we may follow him as he followed Christ; that when our work is done, we may rest with him and all the saints *gone before* in the Paradise of God.

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## GEORGE N. GUY.

GEORGE NEWTON GUY was born in the city of Richmond, Va., on the 13th day of July, 1839, and died at the parsonage in the town of Hertford, Perquimons county, N. C., on the 6th of April, 1873, aged 33 years.

He was the son of Geo. F. Guy, well known in the city of Richmond as a pious Christian gentleman, and a member of old Trinity Church until a few years before his death, when he moved to the county of Henrico. His mother, Mrs. Sarah E. Guy, an estimable Christian lady, still survives to mourn the loss of her son. George was the subject of early religious culture; that good training will produce good results was fully realized by his parents. He was never prodigal, but, in the language of his mother, "Always a good boy." He was converted to God under the ministry of Rev. J. A. Duncan, D. D., at old Trinity Church, in 1858. Here his life of consecration to God began. Under the training of his faithful pastor, who, no doubt, plainly saw gifts and graces which would render him a useful and acceptable minister, he was licensed to exhort, and then to preach, by the Quarterly Conference of Trinity Station. He exercised his gifts as local preacher until he was received as a probationer in the Virginia Conference held in the city of Norfolk in November, 1861. In 1862-'63 he traveled Dinwiddie Circuit. In 1864-'65, Coalfield Circuit; 1866, he was at Cambridge Station; 1867-'68, Smithfield Circuit. On the 28th of March, 1867, he was married to Miss Bettie S. Taylor, of Chesterfield county. He was returned to Dinwiddie in 1868, now known as West Dinwiddie. Here he spent four years—'69, '70, '71 and '72—laboring with great zeal and acceptability. At the Conference in Petersburg last fall, he was appointed to the Hertford Circuit. He was early at his post of duty, and entered with cheerfulness upon his work. In the brief space of four months he had greatly

endeared himself to the people of his charge, and hope and expectation were high, both with people and preacher. But the preacher is gone, and the people are in mourning! Afflictive, mysterious providence! yet we bow submissively, knowing that God never removed a Christian man from the Church below to the Church above an hour too soon.

Brother Guy had complained of a slight indisposition for several days before he was taken ill, but not enough to disqualify him for his work. He preached in Hertford on Wednesday night, and on Thursday attended to his usual duties. Thursday night, 3d of April, he was attacked with what he and the family supposed to be bilious colic. The physician saw him on Friday morning, when he was very ill. He was supposed to be better on Saturday, and no one apprehended serious results. He was worse Saturday night, and Sunday morning it was evident that his disease had baffled all remedies, and his end was approaching. He was aware of it, and frequently said to his physicians in paroxysms of pain "No remedy." He was rational at internals, but so careful was he of the comfort of his wife, who is in delicate health, he said nothing of his approaching end, nor complained amidst his intense sufferings. But what testimony to the truth of our holy religion, and of his acceptance with God, like that of a pious, consecrated, unselfish life! This testimony Rev. George N. Guy bore until he fell asleep in Jesus, on Sunday night, April 6th, at 7½ o'clock.

Rev. George N. Guy needs no eulogy from us; but his Christian and ministerial excellencies justly entitle him to more than we can say of him in this brief tribute to his memory. We know nothing of his early educational advantages, except that he was a good *classical* scholar. His personnel was very fine, and continual sunshine rested upon his manly brow. He was as unaffected and unselfish as a little child. He made no effort to be popular, and yet he was always so. He moved along among the people, and drew them to him by the kindness of his heart and his sanctified, intelligent piety.

As a preacher, he was a gifted man. His style was simple, clear and forcible. His manner, always earnest and impressive. He was emphatically a gospel preacher, and not unfrequently displayed more than an ordinary degree of pulpit oratory. He was a *successful* preacher, and many souls were brought to Christ through his instrumentality. An evidence of his popularity and success as a preacher is found in the fact that he spent six years out of eleven of his ministerial life in Dinwiddie, where the people are still devoted to him. The death of such a man in the vigor of his manhood looks like a calamity to the Church, and casts a shadow over the hearts of his brethren in the ministry, and in the laity. But it falls heaviest upon his young wife, three small children, aged mother, brothers and sisters. They find consolation only in the gospel, and in the confident hope of reunion in Heaven.

The Presiding Elder being in this part of the District at the time of his death, was called to officiate at his funeral. In respect to the deceased, all places of business were closed in the town, while from the country appointments, ten and fifteen miles distant, the people came to attend his funeral, sympathize with his afflicted family, and pay their pastor a token of respect. His funeral was preached to a grief-stricken congregation, and the Masonic fraternity, of which he was a member, bore his remains to their temporary resting place in the church lot, where they were interred according to their burial service. His friends contemplate the removal of his remains to Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond.

May God bless his afflicted family.

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### ROBERT JOINER CARSON.

ROBERT JOINER CARSON was born near Louisburg, Franklin county, N. C., in the year 1809. His mother was a very pious member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and through her influence he was brought to em-

brace religion while but a youth. He obtained a good English education, and at twenty years of age was admitted on trial in the Virginia Annual Conference, February 1829. He traveled Williamsburg, Gloucester, Charlottesville, Amherst, Buckingham, Prince Edward, Campbell, and Chesterfield Circuits. At the Conference of 1837, when the Virginia Conference was divided and the North Carolina Conference was set off, he was placed on the Roanoke District, North Carolina Conference, to which work he devoted all his energies of soul and body for four consecutive years. In 1840 he was married to Mrs. Mary Williams, of Martin county, N. C., a lady in every respect qualified to make his life happy, and whose companionship, next to religion, he regarded as the richest honor God ever gave him. She still lives and keenly realizes the heavy loss she has sustained in the death of such an affectionate and devoted husband. In 1841 he was the Presiding Elder on the Newbern District; 1842-43 he was returned to the Roanoke District, its name having been changed to Washington District. The next year he was agent for Randolph Macon College. For five years following he had charge of the Roanoke Mission to the colored people; then as Presiding Elder on the Washington District; then the Wilmington District; then the Washington District again, which was his last effective appointment. In 1858 he was placed on the supernumerary list. Shortly after, he was transferred to the Virginia Conference, and continued in the supernumerary relation until his death. He was a member of the Louisville Convention in 1845 and of the General Conference of 1846. In person he was a true specimen of nature's nobleman—tall and erect in form and of a very commanding appearance. He was a fine preacher, often overwhelmingly powerful, and yet as simple as a child. He had many seals to his ministry, many souls for his hire. His sweetness of spirit made him a charming companion and a steadfast friend. He loved the church, for which he lived and labored, and spent his life and his means. He was loved and admired by the whole community in which he had lived from the time of his marriage. The few last years of his life his health was somewhat improved, and he labored more earnestly, preaching regularly every Sabbath, and building up the churches within reach of his home. Last winter his only child (Dr. William Carson, living near Weldon, N. C.) was very sick. Brother CARSON hastened to his bedside through a terrible storm, which exposure brought on a fatal attack of pneumonia. He died at his post as he had lived, triumphing over death through faith in Jesus.

Our friend is restored to the joy of the Lord,  
 With triumph departs,  
 But speaks of his death to our echoing hearts,  
 Follow after, he cries, as he mounts to the skies,  
 Follow after your friend  
 To the blissful enjoyments that never shall end.

Through Jesus' name our comrade o'ercame,  
 And Jesus is ours,  
 And arms us with all His invincible powers.  
 He looks from the skies, He shows us the prize,  
 And gives us a sign  
 That we shall o'ercome by the mercy divine.

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# V.

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2. } Rocketts, " .....	To be supplied by Robert H. Mullen.
3. Centenary, " .....	John E. Edwards, 2
4. } Broad Street, " .....	John C. Granbery, 2
5. } German Mission, " .....	Frederick C. Bickel, 2
6. } Sidney, " .....	George C. Vanderslice, 3
7. } Oregon, " .....	John T. Moore, 1
8. Clay Street, " .....	Benjamin F. Woodward, 2
9. Union, " .....	Henry C. Cheatham, 2
10. Manchester, " .....	William G. Lumpkin, 2
11. Henrico and Charles City .....	William G. Williams, 3
12. New Kent.....	Thomas P. Wise, 2
13. King William.....	Charles H. Green, 1
14. Mathews.....	Alexander M. Hall, 1
15. Gloucester.....	Jas. C. Martin, 4; One to be supplied by L. B. Betty.
16. Williamsburg.....	William P. Jordan, 1
Editor Richmond <i>Christian Advocate</i> ,.....	William W. Bennett.
II. CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.....	JOSEPH A. PROCTOR, P. E. 1
17. Charlottesville.....	Thomas A. Ware, 2
18. Albemarle.....	Robert W. Watts, 1; John J. Lafferty, Sup'y.
19. Madison.....	John W. Hilldrup, 1
20. Louisa.....	James O. Moss, 2
21. Scottsville.....	Hartwell H. Gary, 2
22. Fluvanna.....	John W. Howard, 1
23. Batesville.....	William W. Spain, 1
24. New Market.....	To be supplied.
25. Gordonsville and Orange C. H.....	George W. Nolley, 2
26. Orange Circuit.....	Edward M. Jordan, 3; Wm. H. Camper, Sup'y.
27. Greene.....	William E. Payne, 1
28. Goochland.....	Benjamin C. Spiller, 4
29. Beaver Dam .....	William T. White, 1
30. Piedmont Mission.....	To be supplied by George W. Bailey.
III. LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.....	HENRY B. COWLES, P. E. 4
31. } Centenary, Lynchburg .....	William H. Christian, 2
32. } City Mission " .....	John H. Patterson, 1
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34. Amherst.....	Jacob Manning, 1

Year.

35. { West Amherst ..... Thomas H. Campbell, 2  
 36. { Amherst Mission ..... To be supplied by J. W. Parrish.  
 37. Bedford ..... Edgar H. Pritchett, 2  
 38. Jackson ..... To be supplied by Elisha DeWitt.  
 39. South Bedford ..... John Q. Rhodes, 2  
 40. Bedford Springs ..... Travis J. Taylor, 1  
 41. Liberty and Salem ..... Richard J. Moorman, 1  
 42. Nelson ..... James E. Gates, 3  
 43. Appomattox ..... Layton J. Hansberger, 3  
 44. { Campbell ..... William F. Bain, 2  
 45. { German Mission ..... Christian Evers, 1  
 46. Buckingham ..... Joshua L. Garrett, 2  
 47. Prospect ..... Joshua S. Hunter, 2  
 48. Leesville Mission ..... John H. Kabler, 1

## IV. DANVILLE DISTRICT.....JOHN M. SAUNDERS, P. E. 2

49. Main Street, Danville.....Samuel S. Lambeth, 2  
 50. Lynn Street, " ..... Hezekiah P. Mitchell, 2  
 51. Charlotte ..... John D. Southall, 3  
 52. West Charlotte ..... James A. Hughes, 2  
 53. South of Dan ..... Wesley C. Vaden, 4  
 54. Ringold ..... To be supplied by John A. Herndon.  
 55. Bannister ..... To be supplied by John G. Bailey.  
 56. Pittsylvania ..... John W. Tucker, 4  
 57. Franklin ..... David F. Hodges, 4  
 58. Henry ..... Henry C. Bowles, 4  
 59. Patrick ..... Henry C. Paulette, 1  
 60. Dan River Mission ..... To be supplied by Walter S. Creasy.  
 61. Halifax ..... Fielding A. Davis, 2  
 62. Alleghany Mission ..... To be supplied.

## V. FARMVILLE DISTRICT.....FRANCIS M. EDWARDS, P. E. 2

63. Farmville ..... George W. Langhorne, 2  
 64. Mount Pleasant ..... Joseph S. R. Clarke, 2  
 65. Lunenburg ..... Robert A. Armistead, 1  
 66. Lewiston ..... George H. Ray, 1  
 67. Boydton ..... James Jamieson, 2  
 68. Boydton Circuit ..... Joseph Lear, 1  
 69. Mecklenburg ..... Thomas M. Beckham, 2; James McAden, Sup'y.  
 70. Clarksville ..... Herbert T. Bacon, 4  
 71. Brunswick ..... David M. Wallace, 2; One to be supplied.  
 72. Nottoway ..... James W. Blincoe, 2  
 73. Amelia ..... Robert Michaels, 2; William R. Smithey, 1  
 74. Powhatan ..... James T. Lumpkin, 2  
 75. Cumberland ..... James R. Waggener, 1  
 76. South Brunswick ..... John P. Woodward, 1; John T. Weaver, 1  
 77. Lunenburg Mission ..... To be supplied.  
 Farmville College ..... Paul Whitehead, President,

Year.

VI. PETERSBURG DISTRICT.....	LEROY M. LEE, P. E. 1
78. Washington Street, Petersburg.....	William W. Duncan, 2
79. Wesley Chapel and Blandford, Petersburg.....	George M. Wright, 2
80. Market Street, ".....	Robert N. Sledd, 2
81. High Street and Battersea, ".....	Edward M. Peterson, 2
82. Ettricks.....	John Bayley, 2
83. Chesterfield .....	Richard Ferguson, 2
84. Coalfield and Clover Hill.....	Thomas Diggs, 2
85. Dinwiddie.....	Wilbur F. Robins, 1
86. West Dinwiddie.....	James E. McSparran, 2
87. Sussex.....	Edward P. Wilson, 3 ; James A. Riddick, Sup'y.
88. Hicksford.....	William B. Rowzie, 2
89. Prince George.....	Jacob H. Proctor, 2
90. Surry.....	William E. Allen, 2

VII. MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.....	LEMUEL S. REED, P. E. 2
91. Murfreesboro.....	James F. Twitty, 2
92. Northampton.....	Benjamin F. Tennille, 1
93. Meherrin.....	Esmond A. Gibbs, 1
94. Bertie.....	W. P. Wright, 1 ; T. M. Simpson, 1 ; J. H. Riddick, Sup'y.
95. Edenton.....	Werter H. Gregory, 1
96. Hertford.....	James C. Watson, 1
97. Pasquotank.....	James W. Compton, 2
98. Elizabeth City.....	George E. Booker, 2
99. Suffolk.....	Joseph H. Amiss, 1
100. Gates.....	Thomas L. Williams, 2
101. Southampton.....	To be supplied.
102. Chuckatuck.....	James D. Lumsden, 1
103. North Southampton.....	John N. Jones, 1
104. Dare.....	To be supplied by Newton H. Cox.
Wesleyan Female College.....	William G. Starr, President.

VIII. NORFOLK DISTRICT.....	PETER A. PETERSON, P. E. 3
105. Cumberland Street, Norfolk.....	John D. Blackwell, 3
106. { Granby Street, Norfolk...W. E. Edwards, 2 ; W. J. Norfleet, Sup'y.	
107. { City Mission, ".....	Robert M. Saunders, 1
108. Berkley.....	William McGee, 3
109. Monumental Church, Portsmouth.....	James P. Garland, 2
110. { Central, ".....	James W. Bledsoe, 1
111. { Second Street, ".....	James H. Crown, 1
112. Norfolk Circuit.....	James C. Reed, 1
113. East Norfolk Circuit.....	Joseph H. Davis, 1
114. South Norfolk Circuit.....	Joseph J. Edwards, 3 ; Charles W. Pettit, 1
115. Indian Ridge.....	Charles E. Hobday, 2
116. Princess Anne.....	Thomas J. Bayton, 1
117. York.....	Robert N. Crooks, 3
118. Hampton and Fox Hill.....	Beverly W. Daugherty, 2
119. Smithfield.....	Joseph B. Merritt, 1

		<i>Year.</i>
120.	{ Isle of Wight.....	John W. White, 2
121.	{ Jamestown Circuit.....	James W. Connelly, 2
122.	Norfolk and Petersburg German Mission.....	To be supplied.
	Superintendent of German Missions.....	Edward N. S. Blogg.
IX. RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT..... LEONIDAS ROSSER, P. E. 1		
123.	{ Rappahannock.....	Milton L. Bishop, 2
124.	{ Rappahannock Mission.....	James F. Finnell, 2
125.	Culpeper.....	Herbert M. Hope, 1
126.	Culpeper Circuit.....	James F. Brannin, 2
127.	Spottsylvania.....	To be supplied by J. P. H. Crismond.
128.	Caroline.....	James L. Spencer, 2
129.	King George.....	Thomas H. Boggs, 3
130.	Westmoreland .....	William A. Crocker, 2
131.	Heathsville.....	Daniel G. C. Butts, 1
132.	Montross.....	James H. Maynard, 1; Walter C. Taylor, Sup'y.
133.	Lancaster .....	Alfred Wiles, 1
134.	Middlesex... ..	John B. Laurens, 1
135.	{ King and Queen.....	Josiah D. Hank, 1; William E. Mitchell, 1
136.	{ Logan Mission.....	To be supplied by J. H. McDonald, 1
137.	Hanover.....	Joseph E. Potts, 1; Robert B. Beadles, Sup'y.
	Randolph Macon College.....	James A. Duncan, President.
	Randolph Macon College.....	Alexander G. Brown, Financial Sec'y.
	Agent Virginia Bible Society.....	John G. Rowe.
X. EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT..... JOHN B. DEY, P. E. 3		
138.	Eastville.....	Charles E. Watts, 4
139.	Bell Haven .....	To be supplied by Edward Hebard
140.	Pungoteague.....	Oscar Littleton, 3; Lloyd Moore, 1
141.	Atlantic.....	James M. Anderson, 1
142.	Pocomoke.....	To be supplied by Montcalm Oldham.
143.	Wicomico.....	To be supplied.
144.	Salisbury.....	Peter F. August, 2
145.	Berlin.....	To be supplied.
146.	Dorchester.....	Major S. Colonna. 2
147.	Cambridge.....	Lewis A. Guy, 1

TRANSFERRED.—Herman Ebers and Robert A. Compton to the Texas Conference; and William E. Evans to the Baltimore Conference.

SUPERANNUATED.—Joseph Carson, Benjamin Devany, John C. Garlick, Jacob Shough, Benjamin M. Williams, Samuel T. Moorman, Benjamin T. Ames, William A. Robinson, John McCleland, William R. Cobb.

## VI.

# CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Adopted November, 1871.

ARTICLE 1. This Constitution shall be known as the Constitution of the Board of Missions of the Virginia Annual Conference auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South.

ART. 2. The officers of this Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and ten Managers, to be chosen by the Conference; any five of whom may constitute a quorum.

ART. 3. The President or, in his absence, the Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the Board; in the absence of both a chairman shall be chosen by the Board.

ART. 4. The Secretary shall keep in a book a faithful record of the proceedings of the Board, and prepare the regular annual report for the Annual Conference, and forward a copy of the same to the General Secretary.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds of the Board, and hold them subject to the order of the Board; and make an annual report of his receipts and disbursements to the Annual Conference.

ART. 6. Forty per cent. of all the moneys collected for missions in the bounds of the Virginia Conference shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the General Board for Missionary purposes; the remaining sixty per cent. may be appropriated to missions within the bounds of the Virginia Conference. If any surplus remain, such surplus shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer.

ART. 7. All appropriations to missions within the bounds of the Virginia Conference shall be made by the Bishop and the Board, as provided in this Constitution.

ART. 8. The officers shall hold their position till the first session of the Virginia Annual Conference after the next meeting of the General Conference, or till their successors shall be appointed.

ART. 9. Any vacancy occurring in the Board shall be filled by the Board, subject to ratification of the Conference.

ART. 10. There shall be a public meeting of the Board at each Annual Conference in the interest of the Missionary cause.

# VII.--GENERAL STATISTICS.

PASTORAL CHAAGES.	MEMBERS.		Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	White.	Colored.		Adult.	Infant.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Requisites.	Visitors Taken.	Money expended for Sunday Schools.	Churches.	Sittings.	Value of Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Ch'r'n Property.
RICHMOND DISTRICT.																		
Richmond—Trinity.....	360	.....	1	11	4	1	45	250	690	\$700 00	.....	\$164 00	1	800	\$48,000	..	.....	\$1,900
“ Rocketts.....	81	.....	.....	4	13	1	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	200	2,000	.....	.....	.....
“ Centenary.....	330	.....	.....	6	6	1	48	236	800	410 00	250	190 00	1	800	20,000	.....	.....	200
“ Broad Street.....	377	.....	2	6	11	1	36	220	680	600 00	.....	580 00	1	900	50,000	.....	.....	500
“ German Mission.....	31	.....	.....	.....	2	1	5	31	50	.....	.....	5 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ Sidney.....	126	.....	1	12	3	1	22	123	275	250 00	.....	75 00	1	250	2,500	.....	.....	.....
“ Oregon.....	121	.....	.....	2	3	1	25	130	654	125 00	.....	234 00	1	350	3,000	.....	.....	210
“ Clay Street.....	410	.....	1	39	11	2	46	324	600	200 00	.....	350 00	1	750	15,000	.....	.....	550
“ Union.....	402	.....	3	23	15	1	38	300	500	300 00	.....	175 00	1	800	12,000	1	3,000	.....
Manchester.....	290	.....	2	35	12	1	20	200	500	250 00	50	75 00	1	600	15,000	.....	.....	250
Henrico and Charles City.....	432	1	1	3	8	7	93	457	596	335 00	150	415 00	6	2,000	13,000	1	1,500	.....
New Kent.....	297	1	.....	3	3	5	55	150	425	125 00	30	40 00	8	1,800	4,000	.....	.....	50
King William.....	257	3	1	3	4	3	29	133	250	30 00	20	6 20	3	1,500	3,000	.....	.....	.....
Matthews.....	851	2	1	8	62	6	91	538	950	189 00	.....	162 00	6	3,000	7,000	1	1,500	250
Gloucester.....	834	1	.....	30	25	5	70	450	800	250 00	50	50 00	5	1,600	8,500	1	1,000	.....
Williamsburg.....	54	.....	1	.....	1	1	9	27	150	40 00	25	7 00	1	250	3,000	.....	.....	.....
	5253	8	14	185	183	38	632	3669	7920	\$3,804 00	575	\$2,589 05	38	15,600	\$206,000	4	\$7,000	\$3,910
CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.																		
Charlottesville.....	180	1	2	19	.....	1	24	215	800	330 00	.....	280 00	1	500	8,000	1	3,000	.....
Albemarle.....	509	.....	.....	23	5	4	35	120	450	15 00	10	10 00	8	2,000	7,000	1	800	.....
Madison.....	372	4	2	12	.....	6	30	200	500	10 00	56	30 00	8	2,500	10,000	.....	.....	.....
Louisa.....	445	2	2	55	.....	4	25	200	500	200 00	.....	10 00	7	1,200	10,000	1	2,000	.....
Scottsville.....	423	8	1	2	5	6	45	219	330	45 00	.....	40 15	7	2,000	5,000	.....	.....	50
Fluvana.....	601	90	5	36	3	7	45	310	775	.....	48	44 80	9	.....	.....	1	1,000	.....
Batesville.....	491	12	1	4	1	6	36	360	900	175 00	20	100 00	5	1,700	8,000	.....	.....	400
Gordonsville and Orange C. H.....	100	.....	2	.....	1	2	18	60	100	50 00	12	60 00	2	500	8,000	.....	.....	.....
Orange Circuit.....	190	.....	1	7	3	4	28	135	400	.....	.....	.....	5	900	2,500	.....	.....	.....
Greene.....	285	1	.....	14	.....	4	38	159	625	.....	.....	30 00	5	1,120	5,370	.....	.....	275
Goochland.....	268	85	.....	14	2	5	25	250	500	.....	31	25 00	5	1,000	2,500	.....	.....	.....
Beaver Dam.....	295	1	1	.....	3	3	25	150	300	50 00	.....	25 00	3	1,200	1,000	.....	.....	.....
Piedmont Mission.....	300	.....	.....	50	.....	2	10	75	100	.....	.....	.....	2	1,500	850	.....	.....	.....
	4459	206	17	236	23	54	384	2453	6280	\$875 00	177	\$654 95	67	21,120	\$68,220	4	\$6,800	\$725



LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.																		
Lynchburg—Centenary.....	360	.....	.....	45	8	1	22	198	440	\$300 00	25	\$75 00	1	850	\$17,000	..	.....	\$5,200
“ City Mission.....	352	.....	1	8	8	1	35	200	500	500 00	150	300 00	1	750	25,000	1	7,500	4,000
“ Court Street.....	202	.....	1	2	8	4	34	212	325	75 00	.....	12 00	4	1,300	5,000	1	1,500	75
Amherst.....	218	.....	2	14	1	4	15	150	15	5 00	.....	15 00	5	900	5,000	.....	.....	.....
West Amherst.....	310	.....	1	.....	.....	6	48	275	400	48 00	.....	.....	8	1,800	8,000	.....	.....	.....
Amherst Mission.....	302	.....	3	50	12	6	81	444	391	150 00	120	65 00	8	2,100	6,000	1	2,200	.....
Bedford.....	195	.....	1	3	2	5	15	135	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	800	800	.....	.....	.....
Jackson.....	443	7	.....	9	4	7	50	450	400	50 00	.....	10 00	7	2,500	6,000	.....	.....	500
South Bedford.....	226	1	.....	2	5	6	40	250	500	10 00	20	50 00	6	1,200	4,500	.....	.....	50
Bedford Springs.....	172	.....	.....	3	.....	3	25	130	300	150 00	.....	23 00	2	700	4,500	.....	.....	50
Liberty and Salem.....	399	.....	.....	10	4	6	65	235	380	68 00	.....	10 80	8	1,800	8,000	.....	.....	.....
Nelson.....	470	1	1	25	5	7	56	300	500	.....	.....	50 00	.....	2,100	4,000	1	1,000	.....
Appomattox.....	572	.....	2	52	3	7	67	278	650	100 00	.....	35 00	9	1,800	3,000	1	2,500	.....
Campbell.....	529	1	2	25	8	5	42	206	335	.....	32	.....	6	1,800	7,200	1	600	.....
Buckingham.....	79	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7	50	100	.....	.....	.....	3	500	600	.....	.....	.....
Buckingham Mission.....	325	1	2	28	.....	3	26	118	330	18 00	45	33 00	3	900	4,000	1	1,300	150
Prospect.....	133	.....	1	9	2	3	15	64	80	14 80	.....	.....	3	950	850	.....	.....	100
Leesville Mission.....	5287	11	17	282	173	75	643	3695	5646	\$1,468 80	392	\$678 80	77	22,750	\$114,450	7	\$16,600	\$10,125

NORFOLK DISTRICT.																		
Norfolk—Cumberland Street ...	490	.....	3	15	17	1	42	315	550	400 00	150	250 00	1	1,200	20,500	1	6,000	.....
“ Granby Street .....	350	.....	.....	7	4	1	43	272	400	250 00	.....	455 00	1	650	30,000	..	.....	2,600
Berkley .....	95	.....	.....	13	16	1	16	108	466	240 00	50	220 00	1	300	4,500	..	.....	.....
Portsmouth—Dinwiddie Street..	400	.....	3	.....	18	1	60	290	400	500 00	50	375 00	1	500	18,000	..	.....	1,500
“ Central .....	250	.....	1	1	6	1	31	218	1552	525 00	200	94 50	1	550	9,500	..	.....	600
“ Second Street.. ..	114	.....	1	1	23	1	31	170	475	250 00	100	132 75	1	400	2,500	..	.....	150
Norfolk Circuit .....	194	.....	.....	2	6	5	37	185	380	.....	75	.....	5	1,000	5,600	..	.....	.....
East Norfolk Circuit .....	139	.....	1	.....	.....	3	30	140	785	.....	60	55 00	4	600	8,000	..	.....	230
South Norfolk Circuit .....	544	.....	2	30	12	7	90	447	600	70 00	80	110 00	7	2,000	8,500	..	.....	175
Indian Ridge.....	579	.....	2	11	8	5	52	238	660	75 00	.....	.....	7	2,500	6,500	..	.....	.....
Dare .....	356	3	1	.....	24	5	56	198	150	75 00	.....	30 00	6	1,500	1,500	..	.....	.....
Princess Anne .....	812	.....	4	28	50	9	99	464	1500	400 00	15	75 00	8	2,200	9,400	1	1,000	.....
York .....	474	1	1	6	24	5	87	334	332	215 00	105	55 10	4	1,200	3,000	1	1,250	.....
Hampton and Fox Hill.....	208	.....	.....	3	10	2	20	120	250	260 00	50	100 00	2	600	3,400	..	.....	250
Warwick Mission .....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Smithfield .....	196	1	1	9	5	2	33	198	390	50 00	25	30 30	2	1,000	6,500	..	.....	800
Isle of Wight .....	163	.....	.....	16	.....	4	61	211	150	40 00	20	20 00	4	900	4,000	..	.....	.....
	5379	5	20	142	223	53	788	3908	8950	\$3,350 00	980	\$2,002 65	55	17,100	\$141,400	3	\$8,250	\$6,305

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERS.		Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	White.	Colored.		Adult.	Infant.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Requisites.	Visitors Taken.	Money expended for Sunday Schools.	Churches.	Sittings.	Value of Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Ch'ch Property.
PETERSBURG DISTRICT.																		
Petersburg—Washington Street.	521	....	2	44	40	1	40	385	850	\$500 00	100	\$500 00	2	1,700	\$30,000	1	\$5,000	.....
“ Wesley Chapel & Blandford	165	.....	2	14	13	2	59	265	550	200 00	15	394 00	2	500	2,000	..	.....	.....
“ Market Street.....	320	.....	2	34	34	1	42	261	485	275 00	200	539 27	1	750	25,000	1	5,000	.....
“ High Street.....	470	2	....	21	12	2	41	252	750	100 00	....	125 00	2	800	12,000	..	.....	150
“ German Church.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Ettricks.....	162	....	....	19	4	1	20	125	200	75 00	100	38 00	1	300	1,700	..	.....	.....
Chesterfield.....	539	6	6	58	6	8	94	436	....	....	172	300 00	8	1,600	5,000	1	1,200	.....
Coalfield and Clover Hill ...	270	....	1	3	10	6	40	200	300	40 00	50	30 00	7	1,400	4,800	..	.....	.....
Dinwiddie.....	270	....	2	1	15	8	50	250	100	50 00	30	50 00	8	1,400	3,000	..	.....	.....
West Dinwiddie.....	360	....	....	17	4	5	20	180	400	....	....	15 00	6	1,500	5,500	..	.....	.....
Sussex.....	428	....	5	13	30	7	82	229	526	70 00	50	69 75	10	1,900	5,000	..	.....	480
Hicksford.....	121	....	....	....	1	4	20	85	....	....	....	11 37	4	650	3,000	..	.....	75
Prince George.....	299	....	....	25	....	6	68	219	420	150 00	125	75 73	7	2,500	6,175	..	.....	.....
Surry.....	320	....	1	25	....	6	72	280	900	....	....	55 00	7	2,500	4,300	..	.....	.....
	4244	8	22	274	169	57	648	3167	5481	\$1,460 00	842	\$2,203 12	65	17,500	\$107,475	3	\$11,200	\$705
FARMVILLE DISTRICT.																		
Farmville.....	112	....	....	....	1	1	17	85	400	....	....	....	1	800	6,000	1	2,500	.....
Mount Pleasant.....	140	....	....	....	....	2	....	40	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	50
Lunenburg.....	478	1	....	25	1	5	49	208	300	100 00	....	25 00	6	1,800	6,200	..	.....	300
Lewiston.....	262	4	2	21	9	5	48	223	250	175 00	....	25 00	5	1,000	4,000	..	.....	200
Boydton.....	346	5	3	10	5	4	44	160	250	90 00	....	40 00	6	1,500	6,975	..	.....	.....
Mecklenburg.....	761	175	3	65	14	9	38	225	500	40 00	40	55 00	9	3,500	6,500	1	1,600	.....
Clarksville.....	51	1	....	2	....	2	7	43	110	30 00	1	27 50	2	800	2,250	..	.....	.....
Brunswick.....	784	6	4	17	15	11	145	514	587	488 00	65	325 00	11	2,500	12,000	1	1,350	200
Nottoway.....	353	....	1	....	1	4	47	170	350	350 00	40	65 00	5	2,000	5,000	1	2,500	25
Amelia.....	350	15	4	....	....	6	....	200	700	400 00	....	....	6	....	4,200	1	2,000	.....
Powhatan.....	121	....	1	4	10	3	18	92	120	65 50	40	18 00	4	1,200	4,000	..	.....	.....
Cumberland.....	285	....	....	8	5	4	32	125	500	50 00	....	30 00	3	700	3,500	1	800	.....
South Brunswick.....	389	....	1	8	5	2	8	35	60	30 00	....	....	6	2,000	2,500	..	.....	.....
	4431	207	19	160	66	58	453	2120	4127	\$1,828 50	186	\$610 50	76	13,000	\$63,125	6	\$10,750	\$775

RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT.																		
Rappahannock.....	340	2	....	83	....	3	35	170	450	\$60 00	20	\$22 00	4	2,000	\$4,800	1	\$700	....
Culpeper.....	52	....	....	1	1	1	11	50	50	25 00	....	10 00	1	300	2,500	....	....	....
Culpeper Circuit.....	266	2	....	13	6	5	35	141	343	65 00	20	15 00	3	600	2,000	....	....	....
Spottsylvania.....	211	5	1	3	....	3	20	80	85	20 00	....	4 50	5	3,500	4,000	....	....	....
Caroline.....	427	....	1	3	6	6	50	330	650	125 00	....	50 00	6	2,400	8,000	....	....	....
King George.....	371	1	....	31	11	4	51	251	1100	35 00	16	40 00	3	1,000	5,000	....	\$120	....
Westmoreland.....	425	1	2	7	8	4	91	304	620	105 00	64	101 25	5	1,800	9,000	....	75	....
Heat'sville.....	430	....	4	16	8	4	43	265	400	95 00	50	73 50	6	2,000	12,000	....	....	....
Montross.....	157	12	....	30	9	3	27	125	100	58 50	20	23 25	3	550	2,100	....	....	....
Lancaster.....	434	....	4	5	20	5	73	354	950	400 00	46	52 00	4	1,000	6,000	1	1,500	....
Middlesex.....	410	....	....	15	3	5	52	192	169	....	65	50 00	6	1,500	6,000	1	1,200	....
King and Queen.....	487	....	2	6	4	4	66	250	500	....	....	....	4	2,500	6,000	1	1,600	....
Logan Mission.....	99	....	1	....	....	1	9	32	100	20 00	10	10 00	2	400	800	....	....	....
Hanover.....	680	1	17	56	16	8	97	580	1300	300 00	80	212 00	5	2,200	4,000	1	3,000	....
	4783	24	32	269	92	56	660	3104	6817	\$1,308 50	391	\$663 50	57	21,750	\$72,300	5	\$8,000	\$195
DANVILLE DISTRICT.																		
Danville—Main Street.....	167	....	1	1	....	1	16	133	250	400 00	50	50 00	1	600	20,000	1	5,000	800
Lynn Street.....	80	....	1	10	3	1	18	180	300	280 00	....	280 00	1	400	12,000	1	4,000	500
Charlotte.....	298	....	....	8	2	4	30	135	300	....	....	37 00	6	....	3,500	....	....	....
West Charlotte.....	129	2	1	9	....	3	27	95	125	....	....	19 00	4	1,000	1,500	....	....	....
South of Dan.....	375	15	1	20	6	6	30	250	....	....	....	....	5	1,000	3,500	1	1,200	....
Ringgold.....	122	1	....	....	....	3	30	135	205	20 00	....	12 00	2	350	500	....	....	....
Bannister.....	250	4	1	35	....	3	19	96	215	....	....	....	5	1,400	3,000	....	....	....
Pittsylvania.....	288	3	1	12	....	5	55	237	392	75 00	....	64 65	8	2,000	6,500	1	850	....
Franklin.....	735	20	1	64	7	14	140	705	300	200 00	3	37 00	13	4,000	7,800	1	1,200	....
Henry.....	278	28	....	18	....	6	38	225	500	75 00	....	....	5	1,100	2,500	1	500	....
Patrick.....	150	16	....	15	....	4	25	100	50	25 00	....	10 00	3	1,000	2,500	....	....	150
Dan River Mission.....	147	11	2	29	6	2	20	150	150	12 00	....	....	7	1,200	1,200	....	....	....
Halifax.....	419	....	2	7	2	4	42	203	518	....	....	23 29	5	2,150	3,500	1	1,500	800
	3438	100	11	228	26	56	490	2644	3255	\$1,087 00	53	\$532 94	65	16,200	39,000	7	\$14,250	\$2,250
EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT.																		
Eastville.....	271	....	1	2	13	4	70	238	525	200 00	....	50 00	4	1,000	3,800	....	....	800
Bell Haven.....	65	....	1	2	22	3	13	140	150	65 00	60	20 00	2	250	1,500	....	....	....
Pungoteague.....	700	1	3	5	32	8	95	607	550	900 00	115	150 00	8	2,850	15,000	....	....	350
Atlantic.....	374	....	....	34	26	5	69	447	1100	200 00	40	125 00	5	1,700	7,600	....	....	150
Pocomoke.....	160	....	1	29	19	2	32	200	....	45 00	36	45 00	2	450	1,450	....	....	....
Wicomico.....	190	....	....	....	2	3	32	184	350	76 00	....	....	2	650	1,800	....	....	....
Salisbury.....	61	....	....	3	2	1	10	60	350	200 00	....	30 00	1	250	5,000	....	....	350
Berlin.....	107	....	3	....	....	3	22	106	300	....	....	....	4	600	3,500	....	....	....
Dorchester.....	300	....	1	10	34	4	66	230	450	408 00	65	75 00	4	1,200	13,000	1	3,000	....
Cambridge.....	84	....	1	....	....	1	9	65	200	....	....	....	1	200	1,000	....	....	....
	2312	1	11	85	150	34	418	2277	3973	\$2,094 00	316	\$495 00	33	9,150	\$53,000	1	\$3,000	\$1,650

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PETERSBURG DISTRICT.																		
Petersburg—Washington Street.	521	....	2	44	40	1	40	385	850	\$500 00	100	\$500 00	2	1,700	\$30,000	1	\$5,000	.....
“ Wesley Chapel & Blandford	165	....	3	14	13	2	59	265	550	200 00	15	394 00	2	500	2,000	..	.....	.....
“ Market Street.....	320	....	2	34	34	1	42	261	485	275 00	200	539 27	1	750	25,000	1	5,000	.....
“ High Street.....	470	2	..	21	12	2	41	252	750	100 00	....	125 00	2	800	12,000	..	.....	150
“ German Church.....	162	....	..	19	4	1	20	125	200	75 00	100	38 00	1	300	1,700	..	.....	.....
Ettricks.....	539	6	6	58	6	8	94	436	....	....	172	300 00	8	1,600	5,000	1	1,200	.....
Chesterfield.....	270	....	1	3	10	6	40	200	300	40 00	50	30 00	7	1,400	4,800	..	.....	.....
Coalfield and Clover Hill ...	270	....	2	1	15	8	50	250	100	50 00	30	50 00	8	1,400	3,000	..	.....	.....
Dinwiddie.....	360	....	..	17	4	5	20	180	400	....	....	15 00	6	1,500	5,500	..	.....	.....
West Dinwiddie.....	428	....	5	13	30	7	82	229	526	70 00	50	69 75	10	1,900	5,000	..	.....	480
Sussex.....	121	....	..	..	1	4	20	85	..	....	....	11 37	4	650	3,000	..	.....	75
Hicksford.....	299	....	..	25	....	6	68	219	420	150 00	125	75 73	7	2,500	6,175	..	.....	.....
Prince George.....	320	....	1	25	....	6	72	280	900	....	....	55 00	7	2,500	4,300	..	.....	.....
Surry.....	4244	8	22	274	169	57	648	3167	5481	\$1,460 00	842	\$2,203 12	65	17,500	\$107,475	3	\$11,200	\$705
FARMVILLE DISTRICT.																		
Farmville.....	112	....	....	....	1	1	17	85	400	....	..	....	1	800	6,000	1	2,500	.....
Mount Pleasant.....	140	....	....	....	....	2	..	40	..	....	....	....	2	....	....	..	.....	.....
Lunenburg.....	478	1	..	25	1	5	49	208	300	100 00	..	25 00	6	1,800	6,200	..	.....	50
Lewiston.....	262	4	2	21	9	5	48	223	250	175 00	....	25 00	5	1,000	4,000	..	.....	300
Boydton.....	346	5	3	10	5	4	44	160	250	90 00	....	40 00	6	1,500	6,975	..	.....	200
Mecklenburg.....	761	175	3	65	14	9	38	225	500	40 00	40	55 00	9	3,500	6,500	1	1,600	.....
Clarksville.....	51	1	..	2	....	2	7	43	110	30 00	1	27 50	2	800	2,250	..	.....	.....
Brunswick.....	784	6	4	17	15	11	145	514	587	488 00	65	325 00	11	2,500	12,000	1	1,350	200
Nottoway.....	353	....	1	....	1	4	47	170	350	350 00	40	65 00	5	2,000	5,000	1	2,500	25
Amelia.....	350	15	4	....	....	6	....	200	700	400 00	....	....	6	....	4,200	1	2,000	.....
Powhatan.....	121	....	1	4	10	3	18	92	120	65 50	40	18 00	4	1,200	4,000	..	.....	.....
Cumberland....	285	....	..	8	5	4	32	125	500	50 00	....	30 00	3	700	3,500	1	800	.....
South Brunswick.....	389	....	1	8	5	2	8	35	60	30 00	....	....	6	2,000	2,500	..	.....	.....
	4431	207	19	160	66	58	453	2120	4127	\$1,828 50	186	\$610 50	76	13,000	\$63,125	6	\$10,750	\$775

RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT.																		
Rappahannock.....	340	2	....	83	....	3	35	150	450	\$60 00	20	\$22 00	4	2,000	\$4,800	1	\$700	....
Culpeper.....	52	....	....	1	1	1	11	50	50	25 00	....	10 00	1	300	2,500	....	....	....
Culpeper Circuit.....	266	2	....	13	6	5	35	141	343	65 00	20	15 00	3	600	2,000	....	....	....
Spottsylvania.....	211	5	1	3	....	3	20	80	85	20 00	....	4 50	5	3,500	4,000	....	....	....
Caroline.....	427	....	1	3	6	6	50	330	650	125 00	....	50 00	6	2,400	8,000	....	....	....
King George.....	371	1	....	31	11	4	51	251	1100	35 00	16	49 00	3	1,000	5,000	....	\$120	....
Westmoreland.....	425	1	2	7	8	4	91	304	620	105 00	64	101 25	5	1,800	9,000	....	75	....
Heat'sville.....	430	....	4	16	8	4	43	265	400	95 00	50	73 50	6	2,0 0	12,000	....	....	....
Montross.....	157	12	....	30	9	3	27	125	100	58 50	20	23 25	3	550	2,100	....	....	....
Lancaster.....	434	....	4	5	20	5	73	354	950	400 00	46	52 00	4	1,000	6,000	1	1,500	....
Middlesex.....	410	....	....	15	3	5	52	192	169	.....	65	50 00	6	1,500	6,000	1	1,200	....
King and Queen.....	487	....	2	6	4	4	66	250	500	.....	....	....	4	2,500	6,000	1	1,600	....
Logan Mission.....	99	....	1	....	....	1	9	32	100	20 00	10	10 00	2	400	800	....	....	....
Hanover.....	680	1	17	56	16	8	97	530	1300	300 00	80	212 00	5	2,200	4,000	1	3,000	....
	4783	24	32	269	92	56	660	3104	6817	\$1,308 50	391	\$663 50	57	21,750	\$72,200	5	\$8,000	\$195
DANVILLE DISTRICT.																		
Danville—Main Street.....	167	....	1	1	....	1	16	133	250	400 00	50	50 00	1	600	20,000	1	5,000	800
“ Lynn Street.....	80	....	1	1	3	1	18	180	300	280 00	....	280 00	1	400	12,000	1	4,000	500
Charlotte.....	298	....	....	8	2	4	30	135	300	.....	....	37 00	6	....	3,500	....	....	....
West Charlotte.....	129	2	1	9	....	3	27	95	125	.....	....	19 00	4	1,000	1,500	....	....	....
South of Dan.....	375	15	1	20	6	6	30	250	.....	.....	....	....	5	1,000	3,500	1	1,200	....
Ringgold.....	122	1	....	....	....	3	30	135	205	20 00	....	12 00	2	350	500	....	....	....
Bannister.....	250	4	1	35	....	3	19	96	215	.....	....	....	5	1,400	3,000	....	....	....
Pittsylvania.....	288	3	1	12	....	5	55	237	392	75 00	....	64 65	8	2,000	6,500	1	850	....
Franklin.....	735	20	1	64	7	14	140	705	300	200 00	3	37 00	13	4,000	7,800	1	1,200	....
Henry.....	278	28	....	18	....	6	38	225	500	75 00	....	....	5	1,100	2,500	1	500	....
Patrick.....	150	16	....	15	....	4	25	100	50	25 00	....	10 00	3	1,000	2,500	....	150	....
Dan River Mission.....	147	11	2	29	6	2	20	150	150	12 00	....	....	7	1,200	1,200	....	....	....
Halifax.....	419	....	2	7	2	4	42	203	518	.....	....	23 29	5	2,150	3,500	1	1,500	800
	3438	100	11	228	26	56	490	2644	3255	\$1,087 00	53	\$532 94	65	16,200	39,000	7	\$14,250	\$2,250
EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT.																		
Eastville.....	271	....	1	2	13	4	70	238	525	200 00	....	50 00	4	1,000	3,800	....	800	....
Bell Haven.....	65	....	1	2	22	3	13	140	150	65 00	60	20 00	2	250	1,500	....	....	....
Pungoteague.....	700	1	3	5	32	8	95	607	550	900 00	115	150 00	8	2,850	15,000	....	350	....
Atlantic.....	374	....	....	34	26	5	69	447	1100	200 00	40	125 00	5	1,700	7,600	....	150	....
Pocomoke.....	160	....	1	29	19	2	32	200	.....	45 00	36	45 00	2	450	1,450	....	....	....
Wicomico.....	190	....	....	....	2	3	32	184	350	76 00	....	....	2	650	1,800	....	....	....
Salisbury.....	61	....	....	3	2	1	10	60	350	200 00	....	30 00	1	250	5,000	....	350	....
Berlin.....	107	....	3	....	....	3	22	106	300	.....	....	....	4	600	3,500	....	....	....
Dorchester.....	300	....	1	10	34	4	66	230	450	408 00	65	75 00	4	1,200	13,000	1	3,000	....
Cambridge.....	84	....	1	....	....	1	9	65	200	.....	....	....	1	200	1,000	....	....	....
	2312	1	11	85	150	34	418	2277	3973	\$2,094 00	316	\$495 00	33	9,150	\$53,000	1	\$3,000	\$1,650

# GENERAL STATISTICS—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERS.		Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	White.	Colored.		Adult.	Infant.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Requisites.	Visitors Taken.	Money expended for Sunday Schools.	Churches.	Sittings.	Value of Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Ch <sup>r</sup> n Property.
MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.																		
Murfreesboro.....	117	9	...	5	1	2	20	186	...	...	33	...	1	300	\$2,000	..	...	...
Northampton.....	560	8	2	18	...	6	68	327	153	...	...	\$9 00	6	2,100	8,500	..	...	...
Meherrin.....	413	8	3	16	3	4	32	180	350	\$200 00	...	60 00	6	...	4,100	..	...	...
Windsor.....	218	1	1	6	3	4	27	102	200	25 00	...	15 00	4	2,000	2,000	..	...	\$100
Harrellsville.....	179	...	2	...	...	2	15	70	...	...	...	15 00	4	2,000	2,500	1	\$500	...
Edenton.....	46	...	...	...	5	1	6	35	50	50 00	...	20 00	2	1,400	6,000	...	...	...
Hertford.....	710	2	2	58	13	7	69	400	340	85 00	20	102 70	9	3,000	8,300	1	1,700	...
Pasquotank.....	625	...	3	43	10	6	80	450	1000	75 00	44	50 00	6	2,175	6,500	...	...	160
Elizabeth City.....	197	...	1	5	5	1	40	175	300	150 00	80	75 00	1	600	12,000	...	...	1,550
Suffolk.....	195	...	1	8	8	1	27	133	425	250 00	75	100 00	1	700	9,000	...	...	...
Gates...	832	...	2	17	1	10	80	462	523	20 00	...	...	10	4,030	9,000	1	1,425	104
Southampton.....	420	2	...	25	...	4	42	130	120	...	...	...	6	1,500	4,000	...	...	...
North Southampton.....	316	1	1	26	1	3	26	157	210	70 00	...	23 00	4	1,200	5,400	...	...	270
Chuckatnck.....	195	...	...	4	3	5	50	137	800	100 00	...	45 00	5	1,400	5,550	...	...	140
	5023	31	18	231	53	56	582	2944	4471	\$1,025 00	252	\$514 70	65	22,375	\$139,850	3	\$3,625	\$2,324

## RECAPITULATION.

Richmond District.....	5,253	8	14	185	183	38	632	3,669	7,920	\$3,804 00	575	\$2,589 05	38	15,600	\$206,000	4	\$7,000	\$3,910
Charlottesville District.....	4,459	206	17	236	23	54	384	2,453	6,280	875 00	177	654 95	67	21,120	68,220	4	6,800	725
Danville District.....	3,438	100	11	228	26	56	490	2,644	3,255	1,087 00	53	532 94	65	16,200	39,000	7	14,250	2,250
Lynchburg District.....	5,287	11	17	282	173	75	643	3,695	5,646	1,468 80	392	678 80	77	22,750	114,450	7	16,600	10,125
Farmville District.....	4,431	207	19	160	66	58	453	2,120	4,127	1,828 50	186	610 50	76	13,000	63,125	6	10,750	775
Petersburg District.....	4,244	8	22	274	169	57	648	3,167	5,481	1,460 00	842	2,203 12	65	17,500	107,475	3	11,200	705
Murfreesboro District.....	5,023	31	18	231	53	56	582	2,944	4,471	1,025 00	252	514 70	65	22,375	139,850	3	3,625	2,324
Norfolk District.....	5,379	5	20	141	223	53	788	3,908	8,950	3,350 00	980	2,002 65	55	17,100	141,400	3	8,250	6,305
Randolph Macon District.....	4,783	24	32	269	92	56	660	3,104	6,817	1,308 50	391	663 50	57	21,750	72,200	5	8,000	195
Eastern Shore District.....	2,312	1	11	85	150	34	418	2,277	3,975	2,094 00	316	495 00	33	9,150	53,650	1	3,000	1,650
	44,609	601	181	2092	1158	537	5697	29,981	56,922	\$18,300 80	4164	\$10,745 21	598	176,545	\$935,370	43	\$89,475	\$23,964



## VIII.

# REPORTS.

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### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.

*Mr. President and Brethren of the Virginia Conference :*

In my annual reports concerning the work to which you have appointed me, I have indulged in such discussions of education, and especially respecting its relation to religion, as I hoped might, through your published journal, increase public interest in Randolph Macon College; a similar motive prompts me to devote a portion of this report to a brief retrospect of this educational work which the Virginia Conference has been doing at Randolph Macon for more than forty years.

At the time the College was founded, you are aware that the Virginia Conference included most of the State of North Carolina. In 1836, when the charter was only six years old, and the College had been in operation only four years, this Conference was divided; but the two Conferences continued united as to the College.

At that time, many of the Southern Conferences gave great encouragement to this educational movement; and the South Carolina and Georgia Conferences agreed, I believe, to raise \$20,000 for the endowment of professorships.

So general, indeed, was the sympathy of the Southern portion of the Church for this enterprise as to inspire its projectors with the hope that Randolph Macon would become the institution of learning for this entire section.

It was thus with the brightest prospects that the College began its career. But in a few years these Southern Conferences, one by one, formed independent educational plans; and finally, the College was left exclusively to your care. This abridgement of resources and patronage brought about a trying epoch in the history of Randolph Macon; and in 1846, the treasury was empty, and only about thirty students within its halls.

At this critical hour, when the organization of the College was dissolved, and only one member of the original faculty remained, and the prospects of future patronage were contracted to the bounds of the Virginia and North Carolina Conferences, these two sister Conferences nobly met their responsibility. The Virginia Conference held its session at the College; prominent members of the North Carolina Conference were in attendance as visitors; the interests of the College were fully discussed; the founders of the institution were themselves present; and the voices that had originally spoken life into this enterprise were eloquent for its revival; new enthusiasm was awakened, and liberal subscriptions were made on the spot by preachers and laymen; and one honored layman, who is still with us, gave so generously that day that the speaker on the floor implored him not to exceed his ability. The reply was worthy of our noble Steward: "I have learned by experience," said he, "that it is more blessed to give than to receive."

It is hardly too much to say that his generous example and liberal gifts that day saved the life of the college.

The crisis was over. The Conference took hold of this work with new zeal, and gave one of her ablest men to the presidency and another to the agency of the College.

After a time, students again filled the halls, a handsome endowment was secured, and Randolph Macon commenced a new career of usefulness.

But war came; the College was closed, its funds were swept away, and its hopes seemed to be almost destroyed. After the war, the Trustees made an unsuccessful effort to re-establish the College at its former location; and when satisfied that this could not be done, they yielded to the earnest and repeated advice of the Conference and removed the institution to another site.

In the meanwhile, the support of North Carolina had been lost, the North Carolina Conference having concentrated its patronage chiefly upon a College within its own territory; but the Baltimore Conference united with us in this work, and ever since has warmly sustained the College both by its patronage and its donations.

I deeply regretted the loss of North Carolina, and visited that Conference to express, on the part of the Board of Trustees, our desire that they should continue to co-operate in this enterprise, with which, as a Conference, they had been so long connected.

But while they expressed the kindest sentiments and the warmest wishes for our prosperity, they felt committed to another institution and relinquished all claim to Randolph Macon. Nevertheless, we still have a good share of patronage from within the bounds of that Conference, and I cannot give up the hope that one of these days we may yet have North Carolina united with Virginia and Maryland in the resolute purpose to make Randolph Macon an institution amply sufficient for all three Conferences; sustained as no college can be by a single Conference, and affording, for the Eastern territory of our Church, all the advantages which the Vanderbilt University proposes to supply for the West.

After the removal of the college to Ashland, our prospects began to improve rapidly. We opened the institution at its present location with forty-five students; to-day we report over *two hundred*.

Born the same year that the charter was granted, and becoming a resident at the college when I was six years of age, I have been literally the contemporary of the institution, and have witnessed its varying fortunes with special interest; and, when I remember how, in 1826, the fathers of this institution, venerable men of God, leading ministers of our Conference, began this great work; how, in 1827, before a charter had been obtained, or a site for the college fixed upon, every member of the Conference, with resolute unanimity, became an agent for procuring funds; how, in 1829, twelve honored members of the Conference were elected to be the first Trustees; how, for forty-four years since, this college has reflected your devotion to high intellectual culture; and when to these facts I add the good which you are now doing by this instrumentality, and behold the future which is possible to your efforts, I feel that it is only necessary for these sons of our fathers to put forth their hands in the strength of Christian faith and earnestness to make Randolph Macon, in the fullness and efficiency of its provisions, the joy of the whole Southern Methodist Church. For four years past I have had the privilege of announcing the steadily-growing prosperity of the college, and of beholding your warm interest in its fortunes. I must say to you now, as in former reports, that nothing except our lack of funds prevents still greater success; our poverty is the only obstacle to our entering the great door and effectual which is opened unto us.

I call the college prosperous because of the extent of its patronage—because of the great good it is doing for ministers and laymen—because its field of usefulness is wider and its educational contributions to the Church and the country are more varied and valuable than at any former period of its history; and I call it prosperous because, without endowment and without aid from the State, it meets its current expenses, pays the interest on its debt, and does a large work of charity besides, although its fees are most reasonable, and its receipts from the education fund of the two patronizing Conferences has not been enough to pay for its beneficiaries. For this prosperity we are grateful to that Providence, without whose blessing no good work can be done: “Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.” Energetically, with one mind and one heart, the officers of the college have done all in their power to promote its welfare.

Last year, at the time of my report to the Conference, we had 211 students; and now, notwithstanding the extraordinary financial difficulties of the country, I report 215 students in attendance. Of these, 19 are sons of ministers, and 44 are preparing for the work of the ministry. The States represented are Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Texas, New York, and we have one student from the Cherokee Nation.

The religious condition of the college is especially gratifying. A short time before the opening of the present session, Brother A. G. Brown commenced a series of meetings at the college. As the students arrived, they found themselves at once in the midst of specially interesting religious influences, and a large number of the young men were added to the Church. About 150 of the students—more than two-thirds—are members of the Church.

I count it of the first importance that Christianity should preside over the work of education. To make Divine truth supreme; to teach that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; to find the highest reason for mental culture not in pride of intellect, worldly ambition, secular interest, or material progress, but in the personal dignity of redeemed men, on whom God has imposed sacred obligations to make themselves men of understanding, champions of truth, effective laborers in every good work; to provide a guardian at once for our children and for truth, that wisdom may be justified of her children, and that both may be glorified together; in a word, to fit our sons for a true life-work, and make them vessels unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work—this I humbly conceive to be the platform which a college under the care of the Church is bound to occupy.

The very nature of such an institution defines our obligations to it, and supplies the motives that animate us to seek its success.

When the Church undertakes any work, she must undertake it in the name of her Divine Master—whether that work be to preach the gospel, publish a journal, print a book, or found a school. At this point, of course, we need to have a care, that we avoid the latitudinarian error of secularizing the Church, and also the opposite error of confining Church-work to a field too narrow for the legitimate business of Christianity. But let us remember, when we have decided that our work is for Christ we have left no place for indifference and coldness in respect to its performance; we must be either *with* him or *against* him—there is no middle ground.

Upon the clearness and depth of our convictions on this point will depend the heartiness with which we go to our work, and the measure of our moral power in doing it.

In such convictions our fathers laid the foundations of this institution; in such convictions the Church has sustained it; in such convictions we can fervently pray for its prosperity and labor resolutely for its good and “rest not until the righteousness thereof, go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.”

In this cause, as in the cause of Missions and of our religious literature, our chief obstacle to that measure of success which, worthy of the magnitude of the Church represented, is not an obstacle that is *outward*, but *inward*; not open, but concealed foes—evils that lie in the very bosom of the Church. The Master's parables of the good and bad fish in the net, and of the wheat and tares growing together in the same field, find their applications in the modern as well as in the ancient Church. We have talents, energies and wealth, which are only *nominally* the resources of the Church. Every branch of the Christian Church still carries its embarrassing proportion of negative members—literally dead heads and dead hearts, so far as Church-work is concerned. I refer not to the poor, the aged, the widowed and the orphaned; for those are often rich in faith and good works, and are always the sacred wards of Christian charity; but among the active, industrious, prosperous people, who increase in riches, are to be found too many who measure their work for the Church—little as it is—by their convenience, and pronounce you an annoying beggar if, for the promotion of the kingdom of Christ, you disturb their business calculations by proposing that they give of their ability to the cause of their Divine Master. They

seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's. Proud of their business reputation, promptly they meet all their secular obligations, but never admit they have debts to Christian benevolence.

Brethren, it is a very grave question, and, when the Church would extend her usefulness, a very practical question. How shall we deal with this difficulty: *the Church standing at the locked doors of her own treasures?*

What she supposed to be her own bank, on whose ample resources she has relied, too often turns out to be only a number of private concerns, at which her agents find no deposits to her credit; and her statistical calculation of means is contracted to such small proportions as to embarrass her noblest plans. The usual alternative is to restrict her plans or implore the liberal to double their gifts.

Another difficulty is the inability to realize funds on subscriptions that are made to Church enterprises. If all the money which has been subscribed to these enterprises were even as good ordinary negotiable paper, the Church would be comparatively rich. But among business men of the world, a Church subscription would sometimes not sell for hardly more than a tithe of its face value.

Greater earnestness in preaching on these points may do something towards furnishing a remedy for such difficulties. A systematic method of enlisting the benevolence of the Church in good works will also be of great advantage; but in the meanwhile—in the present emergency of an enterprise—what is to be done?

For instance, at Randolph Macon we need, and ought to have at once, additional buildings, to say nothing of other matters. It is, in my judgment, essential to the proper work of the college that we do something to meet this want as speedily as possible. But unless the Conference take this matter in hand, I see no way to accomplish the end we seek. What we want is *cash*, not subscriptions. Now, what is the best cash system for raising, within a year, or two at farthest, forty or fifty thousand dollars? It is easy to appeal to statistics, and show that a dollar per member would, in a single year, furnish more than the amount needed. But we know that but little reliance can be placed on hopes built on such calculations. But if each preacher and layman of this body will be a collector for such a building fund, and diligently labor to obtain in cash all that he can in one year, I believe the problem which perplexes us would begin to be solved. Many of our people are princely in their benevolence, and are ready to do all in their power to serve every good cause. Let us go to them and enlist them anew in this work. It can be done. Let us put our hands to the plough and not look back.

During the recent fiscal trials we had another opportunity of observing the wisdom of the Board in creating the office of Financial Secretary. The present financial condition of the college, so remarkable under the circumstances, is due to the watchful and diligent care of our energetic Secretary. When we remember the large amount of money needful for such an institution, and yet find that even in times like these, without capital and with a heavy debt, it meets all its liabilities so nearly and maintains its credit, we can at once appreciate the value of the Secretary's office and the faithfulness with which its duties have been performed.

In respect to the college as a school for aiding young men who desire to enter the ministry, I am gratified that we already begin to behold its good fruit. In four sessions we have given twenty-one young men to the itinerant ministry—nine to the Baltimore, eleven to the Virginia Conference and two to other Conferences.

Young men who are known at college as students preparing for the ministry exert an important influence in a Church institution. I wish this fact might be fully understood and properly appreciated. Besides their wholesome example and their social usefulness in sustaining the religious character of the college, they are forming the acquaintance of a large number of the young laymen and friends of the Church who are now congregated at college, but who will presently be scattered again to your circuits and stations to meet these young preachers and work with them in the cause of Christ. Thus are they gaining at once knowledge and influence, and at the same time doing great good, even while they are preparing to

serve in future fields of wider usefulness. Add to this the fact that the presence of young men who have devoted themselves to the work of the ministry is an appeal to others not to resist their convictions of duty in this direction.

I must again urge upon your attention one remarkable fact in our present circumstances; it is this: While every other institution in the State has the amplest accommodations, and is only troubled about insufficient patronage, Providence has so blessed us with favor in the eyes of the people that we beg for accommodations to meet our extensive and growing patronage. This is a most significant fact, which the Church ought to respond to liberally. The students are crowding our halls—asking us to receive them and educate them. What answer shall we make to this extraordinary appeal? It is not an undeveloped and possible patronage, but the *actual presence* of hundreds of young men appealing to the Church to furnish the buildings and the full outfit for accommodating their desire to have you educate them! What say you to this? Can we afford to roll back this tide of prosperity and compel a reaction in our own success? Is it not better to take this matter at once under careful consideration? Among the many questions you have to think on at this session, is there one which demands of you more immediate attention? Grateful for our success, let us resolve to make it permanent. The college is yours; establish its foundations firmly, and make its future unquestionable.

I know that the fiscal state of the country is most discouraging. I deeply sympathize with all who suffer in these times. I know that preachers will come up to this Conference unpaid and poor. I know how all our benevolent operations feel the pressure; and sorry am I to know that at such a time the Church is not always spiritually equal to the emergency. When economy becomes needful, I am aware that many first of all begin to economize in their benevolence. Benevolence is a pleasure—a luxury they find less difficult to surrender than many other enjoyments. Instead of drawing closer to Christ in the time of his trial, they find an apology for loving Him less in the necessity—as they interpret the case—for loving themselves more. Yet, in the face of all this, I still plead for God's cause. What am I doing but insisting that in the hardest times we have only the honor of a deeper devotion? The last thing I am willing to see suffer is the cause of Christ. I think true benevolence, like true valor, is only stimulated by difficulties. "Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality." If we have faith to go forward, God will open the way.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. DUNCAN.

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## REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF R. M. COLLEGE.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Virginia Annual Conference:*

DEAR BRETHREN—It is due alike to you and to the important Church work to which you have appointed me, that I should place before you, at your annual sessions, a statement of the fiscal condition of our college. I do so on this occasion with the greater pleasure because the blessing of God upon our efforts enables me to assure you that notwithstanding the severe financial troubles of the country, which have defeated so many well laid schemes of worldly enterprise, the steadily increasing prosperity of Randolph Macon has not been seriously interrupted.



In my report of last year, I submitted, in detail, a tabular exhibit of the assets and liabilities of the college. I have not therefore deemed it necessary, or even desirable, that such an exhibit should be made in this report, but beg leave to submit herewith copies of my printed exhibit to the Board of Trustees at their annual meeting in June last. I am happy, however, to inform you that, during the year, the debts of the college have been considerably reduced. For example, the debt due the estate of our late venerable father, the Rev. Wm. A. Smith, D. D., which in my last report was \$4,272.16, has been reduced to \$1,780. The balance due our brother, Thomas Branch, on advances made in the purchase of the college property at Ashland, has been paid in full, principle and interest. I am also happy to inform you that the floating debt of the college, most of which was assumed by the Board of Trustees for the relief the Washington and Franklin Literary Societies, who had seriously embarrassed themselves in the erection of their new halls, has been consolidated and placed in a much more manageable and agreeable form, by a loan which I was so fortunate as to effect a few months ago at a reduced rate of interest. A large proportion of this debt was due a Richmond bank, and under the pressure of the financial panic, which has recently affected the banks so seriously, it might have embarrassed our college finances very injuriously.

I regret to say that the limited means at my command have not enabled me to make such improvements to the college property as I desired; yet something has been accomplished in this direction. Two new buildings have been erected, the large and costly literary halls have been completed, the wings of the chapel have been enlarged and extended, making two large and well arranged lecture-rooms, the dormitories and other college buildings have been repaired and repainted, and the campus has been laid with walks and under-drainage; all of which was paid for as the work progressed. These improvements have contributed greatly to the comfort of the students and officers of the college; and have materially enhanced the value and availability of the premises for college purposes. Our inability to obtain larger subscriptions to our *building fund*, or rather I would say, the failure of our repeated efforts to collect the subscriptions made, rendered it quite difficult to complete these *much needed improvements* without increasing the debt of the institution, and has compelled me to draw, for this purpose—perhaps too largely—upon funds provided, and *much needed*, for defraying our current expenses.

Believing that the patronage of the college is not only the chief source of its income, but the exact measure of its usefulness and the sure basis of its hope, our efforts have been steadily directed to its increase, as a principal object of all our plans and toils. It is specially gratifying to know that, while we have not realized that measure of success which, under more favorable conditions, we had good reason to anticipate a few months ago, yet we are permitted to report to you to-day a matriculation list of TWO HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN STUDENTS, which is not in advance of the number reported in November of last year, but is in excess of the number matriculated at the corresponding date of any session in the long and honorable history of the institution. Of the 214 matriculates, 126 are from the Virginia Conference, 39 from the Baltimore Conference, 24 from that part of North Carolina not embraced in the Virginia Conference, 1 from West Virginia, 3 from Tennessee, 3 from Alabama, 4 from Texas, 4 from Louisiana, 3 from Georgia, 1 from Mississippi, 2 from Missouri, 2 from New York, 1 from Pennsylvania, and 1 from the Cherokee Nation; 44 are preparing for the ministry, 21 are sons of our itinerant ministers, 19 are on scholarships, 4 give their notes for their tuition fees, payable, with interest from date, two years after they leave college, and 126 pay full tuition fees. The number of young men preparing for the ministry exceeds that of last year by 5, while the number of paying students is 2 in excess of those reported last year.

The patronage from the several Districts of the Virginia Conference is as follows:

*Richmond District.*—Students matriculated, 14; who pay tuition, 8; students preparing for ministry, 2; ministers's sons, 3; scholarships, none; notes, 1; proportion of students to church members, 1 to 358.



*Charlottesville District.*—Students matriculated, 9; students who pay tuition, 5; students preparing for ministry, 1; ministers' sons, 2; scholarships, 1; notes, none; proportion of students to church members, 1 to 388.

*Lynchburg District.*—Students matriculated, 17; students who pay tuition, 7; students preparing for ministry, 6; ministers' sons, 2; scholarships, 2; notes, none; proportion of students to church members, 1 to 300.

*Danville District.*—Students matriculated, 7; students who pay tuition, 1; students preparing for ministry, 3; ministers' sons, 1; scholarships, 2; notes, none; proportion of students to church members, 1 to 457.

*Farmville District.*—Students matriculated, 12; students who pay tuition, 5; students preparing for ministry, 2; ministers' sons, 1; scholarships, 4; notes none; proportion of students to church members, 1 to 366.

*Petersburg District.*—Students matriculated, 8; students who pay tuition, 4; students preparing for ministry, 2; ministers' sons, none; scholarships, 2; notes, none; proportion of students to church members, 1 to 475.

*Murfreesboro District.*—Students matriculated, 11; students who pay tuition, 9; students preparing for ministry, 2; ministers' sons, none; scholarships, none; notes, none; proportion of students to church members, 1 to 455.

*Norfolk District.*—Students matriculated, 10; students who pay tuition, 6; students preparing for ministry, 3; ministers' sons, 1; scholarships, none; notes, none; proportion of students to church members, 1 to 510.

*Randolph Macon District.*—Students matriculated, 33; students who pay tuition, 14; students preparing for ministry, 3; ministers' sons, 6; scholarships, 8; notes, 2; proportion of students to church members, 1 to 140.

*Eastern Shore District.*—Students matriculated, 5; students who pay tuition, 3; students preparing for ministry, 2; ministers' sons, none; scholarships, none; notes, none; proportion of students to church members, 1 to 444.

It appears from these figures that with the exception of the District in which the College is located, the large majority of whose students reside in the village of Ashland, the Lynchburg District yields the largest proportion of students to the numerical strength of the Church. In our report of last year this honorable distinction was accorded to the Richmond District. This year it has been fairly won, and is worthily accorded to the Lynchburg District, which for the first time in its history, I believe, bears the banner of this important Church work. To whom shall this honor be given next year?

The fees remitted to students from the several Districts of this Conference aggregate the following amounts, to wit:

Richmond District	\$	375
Charlottesville District		300
Lynchburg		750
Danville		450
Farmville		525
Petersburg		300
Murfreesboro		150
Norfolk		300
Randolph Macon		1,275
Eastern Shore		150

\$4,575

If, therefore, the Conference should this year raise the entire amount of its assessment for an educational fund, viz., \$3,000, there would still be a balance in favor of the College, on account of *privileged students*, of \$1,575. This illustrates the liberal policy of the institution, and shows what a great, a blessed work it is doing for the cause of education under the auspices of Southern Methodism in the Virginia Conference. But unfortunately for the College, this Conference has never raised the full amount of its assessment for educational purposes. Brethren, this ought not so to be. This assessment is just, it is wise, it is necessary: it is just, because it is intended to pay the College for *services rendered*; it is wise, because in sustaining the College the Church is but cherishing her own offspring and fostering one of her most honored and efficient evangelistic agencies; it is

necessary, because in the absence of ample endowment only thus can the College be sustained in its great work.

Whether Randolph Macon shall retain the rates of prosperity realized in its recent history; whether it shall become, what it ought to be, as the only College for the education of the sons of the two great Conferences, forming the Eastern borders of Southern Methodism; whether it shall be supplied with buildings large enough to afford comfortable accommodations for its overflowing patronage; whether its Faculty shall be increased and its facilities shall be augmented, in proportion to the demands of the day in which we live for education of the higher grade; in a word, whether it shall be thoroughly equipped for every good word and work in the department of Southern Methodist educational enterprise, ever gladdening and blessing the Church whom we serve, and the land in which we live, are important questions to which your thoughtful attention is earnestly invoked, and which cannot be favorably answered without your liberal, earnest, persistent co-operation with all laudable efforts to promote its interest.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. BROWN,  
*Secretary R. M. College.*

#### ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report:

We deem it needless at this late day to discuss the relation of our Church to the cause of education. Methodism has a history on this subject to which we may confidently refer, and hundreds of Colleges and Seminaries in the old and in the new world to-day witness the faith and zeal of our denomination in behalf of a close alliance between piety and education. John Wesley, almost peerless alike in the wisdom and breadth of his views, and in the boundless energy with which he pushed forward in every direction and by all possible agencies the work of God, at an early period in the rise of Methodism established the famous Kingswood School; and amid difficulties and discouragements, which would have worn out the patience and broken down the courage of ordinary men, he clung to this enterprise with a tenacious purpose and fatherly affection until the close of his long life. Hundreds of literary institutions of various grades, from the small school to the grand University, have sprung from that feeble and struggling germ, where myriads, male and female, each year receive Wesleyan culture. Why should we feel less love for Randolph Macon than Wesley felt for Kingswood? or show less faith and perseverance in building up our College than he in establishing his school? Randolph Macon, indeed, is not an attempt, but an achievement; not a doubtful experiment, but an accomplished fact. We are not waiting, with the hope which sees not, for the harvest, the in-gathering of the fruit of our labors and expenditure; already the precious fruit has been gathered in a good measure, and the increase waxes every year more bountiful. This day our College is more prosperous than at any former period, and it is not extravagant to pronounce its success unsurpassed by any College or University of the South. Then, we have no endowment; we have not spacious and stately build-

ings; but the endowment and buildings do not constitute a College. The number of young men who crowd her halls, the soundness and thoroughness of the mental training and furnishing they there receive, and the pure and lofty sentiments with which they are inspired by a culture which includes the conscience and the heart, as well as the head—these are the evidence and measure of our prosperity. Of the eminent qualifications of Rev. James A. Duncan, D. D., for the Presidency of the College and for the chair he fills, we need not speak; but an appreciative mention is due of the self-sacrificing toil in which he has spent his months of vacation, allowing himself no rest after the severe labors of the session, but traveling incessantly through the Virginia and Baltimore Conferences in the work of an evangelist, and at the same time in the interest of the College. His colleagues in the faculty deserve our admiration as skillful, enthusiastic and laborious instructors of the classes under their charge; and their works do praise them. Rev. A. G. Brown, the financial secretary, has displayed great sagacity in the management of his important and difficult department, and in addition to those specific duties, has done much to enlarge the patronage and otherwise advance the prosperity of the institution. We have abundant cause of thanksgiving to Almighty God for his great mercies, and of encouragement still to cherish and carry onward this grand enterprise. Our preachers and people should not forget the gratuitous tuition which the College gives year after year to the sons of the clerical members of the Conference, and to students preparing to enter the itinerancy. Every dollar of the amount assessed to enable the College to do this work ought to be cheerfully paid. The elaborate and interesting reports of Dr. Duncan and Brother Brown, which were read to the Conference, and we recommend to be published in the Minutes, render unnecessary any farther statements of the condition and needs of the institution.

We would express our hearty sympathy in the desire of the President that there should be erected at an early day such substantial and commodious buildings as are demanded for the purposes of the College, and our readiness to co-operate with the Board of Trustees in such plans as they may desire to effect these improvements. It has been suggested that a hall should be erected to be called the Robert Williams Hall, in grateful memory of the first Methodist preacher who labored in Virginia. One hundred years ago, in this city of Norfolk, and on the very site where this Conference is now assembled, this faithful pioneer preached free, full, and present salvation by faith in Christ. "Behold what God has wrought!" What nobler centennial can we project than to appeal to the Methodists of the Virginia Conference to build a hall where shall be taught in harmony the truths of human science and the higher truths of divine revelation, and both ministers and laymen shall be trained to defend and speak the doctrines and practice of Methodism? The monument of stone, the statue of marble or of brass, may strike the eye and please the taste; but the brick pile which serves the useful end of collecting young men to be taught the fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom, in connection with literature and science, would be a more fitting and sublime memorial to the itinerant who introduced Methodism into our State, and, at the same time, a sacred Ebenezer with this inscription: "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us!" The details of this project must be left with the Trustees and officers of the College.

With equal step must proceed the education of youths and of maidens. The latter, it is true, have a shorter period of schooling, and music and other accomplishments substitute in a degree the severer studies of our male Colleges; but neither the mental culture of woman nor its sanctification by the influences of the gospel, is less important with our sex. It is astounding and unintelligible to us, that Methodists should be indifferent whether their daughters be educated in the institutions of our own Church, or in those of other denominations, and especially that they should consent for any reason to commit them at an unformed and impressible age to the care of the Romanists. Yet, there are cases of this kind. The Virginia Conference is rich in Colleges for our daughters, and they are of high grade of scholarship, while they guard the morals and foster true religion.

The Wesleyan Female College, at Murfreesboro, N. C., is now private property, but not less devoted to the cause of Methodism, nor less capable of serving it, on this account. Rev. Wm. G. Starr, a graduate of Randolph Macon, well known as a polished and popular minister of our Conference, is the President of this institution, and has entered upon his duties with great faith and enthusiasm. Already there are one hundred and twenty students. The people in the section of North Carolina and Virginia to which this College is most accessible are rallying to its support with an inspiring zeal.

In the city of Norfolk, the Female Institute, of which Rev. R. M. Saunders, now a member of this Conference, is Principal, has already established a most enviable reputation. He is assisted by an admirable corps of teachers; and the school is in a flourishing condition. Its merits attract patronage, and its pupils go forth to increase its fame.

The Petersburg Female College has for a Principal Mrs. F. M. Wright, a born teacher and manager of girls, who to native aptness has added culture and experience. Williams T. Davis, Esq., is the President of the Southern Female College, a gentleman well known to the community in which he lives, and to the Methodists of the Virginia Conference, as fully qualified for his position by talents, acquirements and character. Year after year, these two institutions, side by side, have trained and sent out young ladies who prove the thoroughness of the work.

The city of Richmond, as the Capital of the State, is an important point for a College. E. E. Parham, Esq., a graduate of Randolph Macon, of much experience in the work of teaching and of great fitness for it, presides over an institute of high grade.

The Danville Female College is under the Presidency of Rev. J. D. Arnold. He also is a graduate of Randolph Macon, and an able and experienced teacher.

Last, not least, the youngest of our Female Colleges, is that just opened with favorable auspices in the town of Farmville by Rev. Paul Whitehead. He is too well known as one of the first minds in the Virginia Conference, to receive any advantage from words of commendation. Associated with him are the same faculty who, under his presidency, earned for the Wesleyan Female College at Murfreesboro a high reputation. Farmville, in the centre of our territory, on the Southside Railroad, in a healthy and beautiful section of the State, with an intelligent and refined population, seems excellently adapted to be the seat of a first-rate College; and the name of Paul Whitehead at its head is a sufficient guarantee that this will be an institution of the first-class.

The communication from the owners of the buildings occupied by this College was referred to a special committee, whose report was adopted as follows:

*Resolved 1st*, That while we highly appreciate the generous offer by our friends of the Farmville Female College buildings, we do not feel prepared at this time to assume any further responsibilities in regard to institutions of learning, and therefore most respectfully and affectionately decline said offer.

*Resolved 2d*, That we rejoice in the favorable auspices under which the Farmville Female College has opened, and wish for it a long and ever widening course of usefulness.

*Resolved 3d*, That we most cordially commend it to our people as in hearty sympathy with our Church and every way eminently worthy of their patronage.

We recommend the following resolutions:

1. That we rejoice in the great success of Randolph Macon, and are ready to work for the raising of means to enlarge its course of instruction and erect buildings commensurate with its needs.

2. That the Board of Finance assess upon the Districts the sum of \$3,000 as an educational fund for the next year.

3. That we feel a deep interest in the Wesleyan Female College at Murfreesboro, the Petersburg and the Southern Female Colleges, both located in Petersburg, the Norfolk Collegiate Institute, the Richmond Female Collegiate Institute, the Danville Female College, and the Farmville Female College; and that we commend them to the favor and patronage of our people.

4. That we request the presiding Bishop to appoint Rev. James A. Duncan, D. D., President, and Rev. A. G. Brown Financial Secretary of Randolph Macon College. Rev. Paul Whitehead, President of the Farmville Female College, and Rev. William G. Starr, President of the Wesleyan Female College.

J. C. GRANBERY, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Of the \$6,300 appropriated to fields of labor within the bounds of our Conference, \$3,050 were for the benefit of feeble circuits and stations that could not without help support their preacher, and \$3,250 for missions proper. I have received reports from the following Missions: Piedmont, West Buckingham, Amherst, Clarksville, Warwick, Dan River, and the German.

*Piedmont Mission* is an interesting and important field, embracing a large scope of country within the counties of Madison, Rappahannock and Culpepper. It has three houses of worship, and three hundred members; an increase of sixty during the year. In the two Sunday Schools there are seventy-five children; but in the bounds of the Mission there are two hundred children who cannot be taught in Sunday School for want of books; so reports the missionary, Rev. Geo. W. Bailey.

*West Buckingham.*—Rev. J. A. Crowder reports that a few have been converted on this Mission, and the members have been revived; the work prosperous. Bro. Crowder has preached once a month to the Welsh near New Canton.

*Amherst.*—Rev. John W. Parrish labored on this mission. It was formerly connected with Bedford. Then there were four appointments kept up. As soon as the Spring opened, Bro. Parrish added three appointments. Four of these are in school-houses; one or two of them too uncomfortable for services in the Winter. The congregations are tolerably large, and pay good attention. The spiritual condition of the church is improving. During the year there have been thirty conversions, twenty added to our church; whole number of members ninety-five. Subscriptions have been raised to erect two houses of worship. The people are generally poor, but willing to give; and there is a prospect that this will be a self-supporting circuit in a few years.

*Clarksville.*—Rev. Herbert T. Bacon reports seven conversions, and considerable religious interest. All the amounts assessed for preachers and general collections were raised. Early in the year the roof of the church was partly destroyed by fire, but in response to appeals for aid \$100 were given to repair the damage, and the house has been reroofed. The Sabbath School, though not having an average attendance of above thirty children, is well managed, and full of enthusiasm. There is also a young men's Bible class of twelve or fourteen that meet Sunday afternoon. To this mission, besides the church at Clarksville, belongs Lewis' chapel, which needs repairs and a stove; efforts are being made to secure these objects.

*Warwick.*—After the last session of the Conference, Rev. J. W. Connelly began to preach to the people in the section on the James river between the Chickahominy and the town of Hampton. At his suggestion it was named Warwick Mission, as expressive of an effort to establish churches in a county where there is not a Methodist church, and but two of any denomination, and regular preaching in only one of these. He commenced the work without membership, house of worship, or a dollars' worth of Church property. He was authorized to extend his labors wherever in his judgment they were needed. He received many invitations to preach at different places. Sometimes he preached in the courthouse, and sometimes in a mill, to large and attentive congregations. He found the people hospitable, appreciative, and desirous to have preaching.

His first effort was to build churches. He has succeeded in getting land which is secured by a deed on which to build a church in Warwick county. It is already commenced, being about half closed in, and but for the scarcity of money would have been completed before Conference. It will be a comfortable house, and sufficiently large.

He also solicited donations for building a church near Jamestown. The land and lumber have been given, and about half the money needed has been subscribed, with the guarantee that it shall be carried through. He occupied also a house belonging to us, which had been abandoned, and gathered there ten members, with a prospect of more. The Mission now numbers about fifteen members.



These three appointments, and one other which he has lately been requested to take in, should in his judgment be formed into a charge to be called the Jamestown Mission, served and by a man fully competent to protect all the interest of the Church.

He has also succeeded in arranging to have another house of worship placed at our disposal, but it is too remote to be attached to this Mission.

The means for building the churches mentioned have been raised among the people for whose benefit they are intended. Only \$100 have been contributed to the payment of the expenses of the missionary, and this he considers liberal under the circumstances. He might have accomplished greater good if he had received such a support as to enable him to give his whole time to the work.

*Dan River.*—Rev. Walter S. Creasy has labored on this field. It has 147 white and 11 colored members: He has preached 200 sermons and visited 300 families. Twenty-nine have been converted and 32 added to the Church. Congregations are large and attentive; some of those to whom he has preached had not heard a sermon for eight or ten years before. One new Church has been built, capable of seating 300, and other Churches repaired.

*The German Mission.*—Rev. Christian Evers labored faithfully in Norfolk until June, and for a season it promised to be a fruitful field; but as he did not succeed in organizing a Methodist Church, Brother Blogg, the Superintendent, determined to remove him to another locality. He arranged for a semi-monthly appointment in Lynchburg, and also to a colony of Germans in Campbell county. At the latter place he held a protracted meeting which resulted in the conversion of six Germans, who united with one of our Churches on Campbell Circuit. The colony consists of thirteen families, including two of the Roman Catholic faith. Brother Evers on each visit preached twice, once in English and once in German, and has gained the affection of all the neighborhood.

At McFarland's, in Lunenburg, an appointment has been kept up every fifth Sunday.

In these colonies the missionaries have found families who had not heard the preached word since they came to this country, periods varying from six months up to eighteen or twenty years.

Brother Evers has distributed 300 tracts, held prayer-meetings weekly in private houses in and around Lynchburg, and preached in English as often as he found opportunity.

The German Chapel in Petersburg was finished and dedicated in May last. The whole cost, including the lot, was \$3,000. There still hangs over it a debt of \$500, for which Brother Blogg is personally responsible. Rev. Herman Ebers preached every Sabbath in this house, and it was expected that a good work would be done among the Germans of Petersburg. On the day of the dedication, a Lutheran minister announced his intention to remain in the city, and thus a division was created in the small German population.

Brother Ebers will be transferred to the Texas Conference.

During the month of April, Brother Blogg placed Rev. Frederick Bickel, a local preacher of Baltimore, in charge of a new Mission which he was to establish in Richmond. There he labored faithfully and acceptably until the session of the Conference. He has now a German Methodist Church of thirty-one members, only two of whom were before this movement members of our Church. He has in connection with this church a Sunday School of forty-four children, well organized with superintendent and teachers. As no appropriation was made to Richmond by our Board last November, Brother Bickel has been supported by our churches in that city, they having raised for him \$400. We have as yet no chapel, but Bro. Bickel has preached and held the school every Sunday afternoon in Clay Street church, through the kindness of the brethren. In addition to his labors in the pulpit and Sunday School, Brother Bickel has visited 542 families, and held prayers in 103 families.

Rev. E. N. S. Blogg has been diligently employed, partly in the Baltimore and partly in the Virginia Conference. He has gone to Richmond, Norfolk, Petersburg, Lynchburg, Campbell and Lunenburg, preaching,



visiting, administering the sacraments, encouraging and counselling the missionaries, raising money for their support, and doing everything that he could do to give success to the cause.

He concludes his report with the grateful statement that the comparatively little labor bestowed has already, by the blessing of God, yielded fruit in more generous quantity than many had believed; and I will add that to his energy, faith and devotion, more than to any other human means, the success and prospects of this interesting Mission must be ascribed.

J. E. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

J. C. GRANBERY, *Secretary.*

### ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We have great reason to be grateful to God for the continued interest felt in the religious culture of the children throughout our bounds. Never before in our history have the ministers and leaders of our Israel been more fully impressed with the necessity of systematic and persistent effort in this department of Christian labor. Never before was the Church more determined or more active in taking care of the lambs of our household. There is hardly a place in all our borders where we may not hear their voices singing the songs of Zion, and know that we have qualified men and women of the Church teaching them the things of God. It is a cheering reflection that about 700 have been converted among our Sunday School scholars during the year just ending. It is gratifying to know that the literature adapted to the wants of the Sunday Schools is attaining a higher and higher type, and the facilities for obtaining books and periodicals have increased both at Nashville, Richmond, and Baltimore. We have hope of soon having the price-list of books so reduced as to enable our schools to supply themselves with our literature. We rejoice to know that our membership are not only being more fully imbued with the mission spirit of this work, but are being intellectually better qualified to perform the duties required. The information, however, coming to us through the District Sunday School Agents, shows that notwithstanding the great advance upon former years and a general increase in the members in our schools, yet our Church has not everywhere come up to the full measure of its responsibility in this great field.

Of the 40,000 Church members in this Conference, exclusive of those members who are Sunday School scholars, hardly 6,000 are Sunday School teachers—*i. e.*, about one in eight by the statistics of last year. We observe that the Eastern Shore District has about 1 in 5, and the Danville 1 in 6 members engaged in teaching—these two Districts standing highest. Petersburg and Norfolk had 1 in 7, Richmond, Lynchburg and Farmville 1 in 8, while the Murfreesboro had 1 in 10 and the Charlottesville 1 in 12. Of the 40,000 children who ought to be under our influence, not 30,000 are in our schools.

Eastern Shore District had 160 S. S. scholars less than Church members.

Danville	"	"	483	"	"	"	"	"	"
Petersburg	"	"	926	"	"	"	"	"	"
Richmond	"	"	1158	"	"	"	"	"	"
Norfolk	"	"	1400	"	"	"	"	"	"
Lynchburg	"	"	1591	"	"	"	"	"	"
Murfreesboro	"	"	1762	"	"	"	"	"	"
Farmville	"	"	2160	"	"	"	"	"	"
Charlottesville	"	"	2209	"	"	"	"	"	"

Reports show an increase in interest, in numbers and in expenditure.

The following table gives the increase or decrease in Sunday School scholars in several Districts of the Virginia Annual Conference during the year 1873 :

Richmond	District, decrease.....	170
Charlottesville	“ increase.....	212
Danville	“ decrease.....	208
Lynchburg	“ increase.....	247
Farmville	“ decrease.....	173
Petersburg	“ increase.....	265
Murfreesboro	“ decrease.....	283
Norfolk	“ increase.....	155
Randolph Macon	“ “.....	211
Eastern Shore	“ “.....	169

Net increase for 1873..... 425

We feel that our people ought to be more generally engaged in this great work. A large proportion of those added to our Church annually are from the Sabbath schools, and it is manifest that this interest is more important to the Church now than at any former period in our history.

We offer the following resolutions :

1st. That we recommend to the patronage of our people the Sunday School books and periodicals of our publishing-house at Nashville, Tenn., and especially commend the *Sunday School Magazine*, *The Visitor*, *The Little People* and the *Uniform Lessons*.

2d. That as the Book Agent, Dr. A. H. Redford, has made arrangements so that our Southern Methodist publications may be had at the same prices and discounts as at Nashville, from the book-store of Brother T. L. D. Walford, Richmond, Va., and from the Baltimore Publishing Company, we recommend that the schools convenient to those points will send their orders to them and extend the circulation of our publications through their agency.

3d. That the *Sunday School Record*, edited by George W. Armistead, Esq., of Richmond, is, in its peculiar sphere, a valuable publication ; and as it does not conflict with our Church periodicals, we recommend it to the patronage of our people.

4th. That one minister of this Conference be appointed in each District by the Presiding Elder, immediately after Conference, to bring the interests of the Sunday Schools before the District Conferences, and also to report to the Committee on Sunday Schools at the ensuing session of the Annual Conference, giving information as to the following points :

1st. General statistics, including moneys collected for Sunday School purposes:

2d. Number of periodicals taken.

3d. Number of conversions.

4th. Number of children attending public worship.

5th. Mode of conducting schools.

6th. Comparative number of schools suspending during winter.

5th. That the pastors be earnestly requested to forward by letter to the District Agents all the information contemplated by the above resolution, one month previous to the meeting of the Virginia Annual Conference.

Respectfully submitted, &c.,

GEO. H. RAY, *Chairman*.

#### ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Your Committee make report as follows :

We heartily commend the Nashville *Christian Advocate* as a cheap and excellent Church paper, and hope our preachers and people generally may give it their patronage.

We highly approve the *Sunday School Visitor*, *Our Little People*, the *Sunday School Magazine*, and the *Uniform Lessons*, and wish to see them in all Sunday Schools and families.

We take pleasure in calling attention to, and strongly recommending, the decided improvement which appears in the *Richmond Christian Advocate*, the price at the same time being reduced to \$2.

We call attention to, and warmly recommend, the *Sunday School Record*, published by George W. Armistead in Richmond, Virginia. We trust our preachers will not overlook its merits, and will not fail to recommend it to their Sunday Schools.

We trust that the preachers will take due interest in the *Southern Review*, published by Dr. Bledsoe, and make all proper effort to enlarge its subscription list.

We recommend Dr Bennett's *Memorials of Methodism* to all the families and Sunday Schools within our bounds.

We are of the opinion that our preachers do not make the effort they can and ought to make in the circulation of our literature among our people. Perhaps they may in a measure be discouraged in this work by the remoteness of the Publishing House, and the difficulties in getting what they want from it. We are pleased to have it to say that they need no longer be discouraged by considerations of this sort; for all the preachers and people who labor for the cause of Christ, as it is identified with Southern Methodism in that portion of our territory which may be considered contiguous to the city of Baltimore, whether by reason of vicinity or of traveling facilities, can procure all the publications of the Nashville House from the Baltimore Book and Publishing Company, 246 West Baltimore street, on as good terms as from Nashville; and those who may find it more convenient to trade with Richmond, can procure them, on the same terms, from T. L. D. Walford, 914 Main street, Richmond, Va.

J. S. R. CLARKE, *Chairman*.

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#### YOUNG PREACHERS' EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

As the President of the Young Preachers' Educational Board, I would report to the Conference that from the 27th of last November to the 26th instant we have received \$903 52, and out of this we paid the expenses of seven young preachers at Randolph Macon College through the last term, ending June 26th, and the expenses of two others the greater part of the term, and had left in our treasury \$145 04.

On the 9th of September, we held the annual meeting of our Board in the city of Richmond, and out of the applicants before us we elected six, and they are now prosecuting their studies at Randolph Macon College under our auspices. At that time we had only \$197 86, \$135 of which was unfortunately in the First National Bank of Petersburg. On the 20th of September, I sent Rev. A. G. Brown, Financial Secretary of Randolph Macon College, a check on this bank for this amount, to pay the board and matriculation fees of our young men for October, which he failed to collect before the bank suspended, and the check was returned, and this amount of \$135 is not now available, and a part of it perhaps will never be. In consequence of this loss and very limited collections during the past two months, we have been troubled in raising funds sufficient to pay the board of our young men at College. To do this, the President and the Treasurer of the Board have had to advance funds for this object, leaving our treasury

indebted to them \$42 14, and likewise in debt to the College upwards of \$50 for matriculation fees, &c.

We are confident that our work is of great importance to the Church, on account of the great lack of young preachers in the Conference, and because we render assistance to that class of young men who are too poor in many instances to defray the expenses of even an ordinary English education. There are many such in every part of our work, and if they are not taken by the hand and assisted, they will be in all probability lost to the Church as ministers of the gospel. We require of all the young men whom we assist that they shall be recommended for decided piety, necessary natural endowments, adaptation to the work of the ministry, by their pastor or Presiding Elder, and the Quarterly Conference of the pastoral charge to which they belong, and that they satisfy us fully that they are called of God sacred office and work of the Christian ministry.

And to make our work permanent and enduring, and to relieve our young men of the unpleasant feeling of humiliation that might naturally arise from the consciousness of absolute dependence, we require all whom we assist to return the whole amount advanced to them in twenty dollars annual installments without interest after they shall have entered the Conference on trial; so that the relation which our young men sustain to our Board is that of borrowers—we loan them the money they need, we do not give it to them.

We rejoice to say that we are continuing to reap the reward of our labor. In addition to those who have heretofore entered the Conference through our assistance, three other young men whom we have educated at Randolph Macon College have been received among us as fellow-laborers in the ministry the present session of the Conference, and four or five whom we are now educating will, in the providence of God, be ready to unite with us at our next session.

But we cannot carry on this work without money, and we can look to no other than to our preachers and our people for the amount we need. If the preachers of our Conference would average us ten dollars annually, or the members of our Church within the bounds of our Conference would average us only five cents annually, we could easily send to Randolph Macon College every year at least twelve or fifteen young men, so that we would be able in a very little while not only to supply the demand for young preachers in our own Conference, but furnish some for other Conferences of our Church as needy as our own.

And how easily this might be done. Some of our preachers on large and wealthy Stations and Circuits could easily raise for us fifty or a hundred dollars, others on less able charges could raise smaller amounts, so that an average of ten dollars for all our preachers is a very small sum for us to ask and expect to carry on so great a work as the proper literary cultivation of worthy young men of the Church, moved by the Holy Ghost to preach the gospel. And is it not our duty to try to do this? Can we, as the ministers and followers of Christ, in full sympathy with him in saving our ruined race from sin and from hell, refuse or neglect to do what we can to aid in a work so important as this? Can we be satisfied to do nothing, or to do very little in this work, when we see how steadily our ranks are being thinned by death, how rapidly many of our ministers are growing old and feeble, and how disproportioned is the number of the workmen to the extent of the work? Many of our Circuits have preaching only once a month at every appointment, and if the regular day be inclement, only once in two or three months; new fields of labor are every year opening before us inviting our attention and our efforts, and for the lack of preachers we are totally unable to supply the deficiency of the one, or to enter and commence the other. Can we contemplate this state of things and not do all we can to increase the number of our preachers.

Say not that the Circuits do not support one preacher, and therefore it would be unwise if not unjust to place two upon them. It is the judgment of the wisest amongst us, and the result shows in almost every instance where the experiment has been made, that two preachers on most of our Circuits would be supported more liberally than one. Our people on the

Circuits need more preaching, better pastoral care, and they are willing to pay for it, and our greater success under God evidently depends upon it.

Then let us do more for the increase of the number of our preachers, both by earnestly praying God to call more of our young men to this work, as well as encouraging and educating those who, for want of a proper literary qualification, are not prepared at once to enter upon it.

We shall need for the next seven months at least \$800 to pay the expenses of the six young men we now have at College, and we have no other dependence than our preachers and people to raise this amount. If they will not help, (and very few have,) then our work must cease. It is folly, and worse than folly, to continue our work if those who are equally interested as ourselves, and upon whom we are compelled to rely for aid, will not come to our help.

D. P. WILLS, *President.*

### ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

When Bishop Asbury, from the infirmities of age, ceased, in a great degree, to preach the Word, he still continued to travel extensively, and much of his remaining time and strength were given to the dissemination of the Holy Scriptures. He was often heard to say, "Whatever I may have been doing heretofore, I know that now I am sowing good seed." It is ever with such blessed consciousness that we do aught toward the spread of the pure Word of God among our sinful, sorrowing race.

It is with high gratification that we remark the fact that the past year has been one of unprecedented success in this great work. The two great national Bible Societies, the British Foreign and the American, have printed and circulated, in various languages and dialects, 4,903,952 volumes. It is estimated that the other eighty Bible Societies have issued and circulated not less than 2,000,000 more; and, allowing 1,000,000 for private publishing houses, we reach the grand aggregate of 8,000,000 volumes of the Holy Scriptures that have gone forth to not less than 6,000,000 families and 40,000,000 of souls in one year. Truly it is verified, "The mouth of the Lord hath given the Word, and great is the multitude of them that publish it."

We may well inquire what part we have borne in achieving such results. To answer in general, Virginia has given more and accomplished more than any of her sister Southern States. Through the agencies of her venerable Bible Society, which antedates by four years in organization the American Bible Society, she exhibits receipts, as shown in her last annual report, of \$11,441.53. We learn that, since the date of that report up to the recent financial pressure, a proportionate success has been realized. It is most gratifying, too, to mention in this connection the generous donation on the part of the American Bible Society of \$14,000 in publications, and of gratuitous distribution by the State Society of \$10,000 worth of the same.

But let us not flatter ourselves with brilliant generalities, when a report in detail would inculcate many of us as having no part or lot in the matter. For the report informs us that not more than one-fourth of the churches in the State have responded to their call.

In conclusion, we submit the following:

*Resolved*, That we feel an unabated interest in the work of the Virginia Bible Society, and will co-operate with its accredited agents and respond to its claims.

*Resolved*, That, in response to the wishes of its Board of Managers, we request the presiding Bishop to re-appoint the Rev. John G. Rowe agent of the same.

T. A. WARE, *Chairman.*



## PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

The undersigned would respectfully say that, by the accompanying report of J. H. Dawson, Secretary and Treasurer, the Conference can learn the condition and operations of the "Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and their Families, their Widows and Orphans."

In order to have its claims presented to the Church, an agent has been indispensably necessary up to this time. But it is now proposed to dispense with this agent for the present, and to depend on the exertions of the Secretary and Treasurer, aided by the ministers and laymen, hoping by this means in a few years to accumulate a liberal sum from subscriptions already obtained, which, being duly invested, will begin to afford relief as contemplated by the Society.

But to do all this we must have the cordial co-operation of the preachers. Trusting that this great enterprise may receive a new impulse from the Methodist public, and soon become an accomplished fact, I submit the same.

JOHN R. KILBY, *President.*

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

*To the Board of Directors of the Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference, M. E. Church, South, their Families, their Widows and Orphans:*

GENTLEMEN—I herewith present you a statement of the operations of the Society since the 25th day of March last, at which time I had the honor of being elected its Secretary and Treasurer:

1873.	
March 25—Net balance of funds at this date on deposit at interest in Exchange National Bank, Norfolk, Va.....	\$514.48
Cash receipts since that date as follows:	
Amount paid on subscriptions.....	\$1,772.50
Amount donations and basket collections.....	227.18
Amount interest on deposits to 24th May last.....	23.90
	<u>2,023.58</u>
	\$2,538.06
Disbursements during same period:	
Amount paid Rev. J. B. Laurens, agent, nine months' salary.....	\$750.00
Amount paid traveling expenses of Rev. J. B. Laurens.....	150.73
Amount paid traveling expenses of Rev. W. W. Walker.....	30.93
Amount paid stationery, postage and printing.....	26.50
	<u>958.16</u>
Showing present cash balance on deposit at interest this 3d day of December, 1873....	\$1,579.90
The number of subscribers on the 25th of March last was.....	830
The number of subscribers received since is.....	588
Making the total number to date.....	<u>1,418</u>
The aggregate amount of subscriptions to 25th of March, 1873, was.....	\$27,153.00
The aggregate amount of subscriptions received since is.....	13,770.00
Making the present total.....	<u>\$40,923.00</u>

The subscriptions average \$30, payable in ten years, or \$3 per annum.

During the past eight months, the agent has made regular monthly reports of his work, and synopses of those reports, with full statements of



cash collections, and payments on subscriptions, have been published in the Richmond *Christian Advocate*, through the kindness of the editor, Rev. W. W. Bennett.

During the same period, the Secretary and Treasurer has sent out printed circulars and forms to the Circuits and Stations, in order to facilitate collections and systemize the work. He has corresponded with various parties, and has been permitted to call attention to the subject through our Conference paper.

On taking a comprehensive view of the field, we have reason to congratulate the Society, and the Conference, for whose special benefit the Society has been formed, on the satisfactory results attained, accomplished as they have been amid the many and great difficulties unavoidably connected with the first year or two of the life of such an enterprise as we have undertaken.

Looking to the future, it is evident that, as Directors, our most arduous labors are just beginning. As the actual workers, as the guides and guardians of the important interest committed to their charge, the Direction will be expected, by both the Conference and the people, to exercise wisdom and zeal; to devise and execute means by which its growth, permanence and productiveness shall be assured. Should these reasonable expectations be met, in the management of the affairs of the Society, there need be no fear that it will fail to receive a general and generous support throughout our bounds.

J. H. DAWSON,  
*Sec. and Treas. P. R. Society.*

## ON MEMORIALS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Committee on "Memorials to the General Conference" have had under consideration the several papers referred to them, and beg leave to report—

1. While we approve of the spirit of the Memorial from the Quarterly Conference of Culpeper Circuit, asking that the General Conference enact a rule prohibiting the sale by our members of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, we consider that the object sought to be obtained is already embraced by the General Rules and legislation of our Church.

2. We recommend that the General Conference be memorialized—

First. To re-insert the boundaries of Annual Conferences in the Book of Discipline.

Second. To so change the existing law in relation to Trustees of our churches that they be not entitled to membership in the Quarterly Conferences simply on the ground of being Trustees.

Third. To so amend the law governing local preachers as to require those receiving certificates of location, or of official standing, to present the same to some Quarterly Conference within three months from the time of procuring such certificate.

Fourth. To provide for the establishment of District schools throughout the Church, according to the plan already adopted by the Holston Conference.

Fifth. To change the law of trial of preachers and members, so as to give the accused an unlimited right of "challenge *for cause*," and a "peremptory" challenge of three in a committee of nine, and in like ratio for a larger or smaller number.

JOSEPH LEAR, *Chairman.*

## ON MEMORIAL TO REV. ROBERT WILLIAMS.

The Committee to whom was referred the papers in reference to a Memorial to Rev. Robert Williams, the pioneer of Methodism in the South, beg leave to report that they have had the matter under consideration, and are highly gratified to learn that the members of our Church in Portsmouth have in course of erection a new and beautiful church building, which stands on the site of the old Dinwiddie Street Church, which is in fact the original church organized in the South by Rev. Robert Williams. As the new church edifice will be a fitting Memorial to this good man and faithful minister, and as all our people are interested in such Memorial, we do cheerfully commend the enterprise of our brethren in Portsmouth to them, and trust that such aid may be given as will enable us to erect a monument that will do credit to us as a great religious denomination. We recommend that this new building bear the name, THE MONUMENTAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

W. W. BENNETT,  
GEO. M. BAIN, JR.,  
J. W. HINTON.

# IX.---FINANCIAL EXHIBIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1873.

*I.—Of Traveling Expenses, Salaries, Missionary Collections, Conference Collection, Bishops' Fund and Educational Fund.*

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Traveling Expenses Paid.	SALARIES.			MISSIONS.		CONF. COLL'T'N.		BISHOPS' FUND.		EDUCT'L FUND.	
		Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd.	Paid.	Assess'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.
RICHMOND DISTRICT.	\$100 00	\$1,500 00	\$1,324 31									
Richmond—Trinity .....	33 50	2,150 00	2,150 00		\$114 50	\$114 50	\$76 32	\$76 32	\$19 08	\$19 08	\$34 34	\$34 34
“ Rocketts.....		167 00	167 00									
“ Centenary.....	8 00	2,400 00	2,400 00		109 08	277 88	72 72	150 75	18 18	30 00	32 72	35 00
“ Broad Street...	12 00	2,400 00	2,400 00		181 75	500 00	37 80	160 00	25 95	30 00	39 51	73 00
“ Clay Street.....		1,500 00	1,500 00		66 68	74 00	44 46	45 00	11 13	11 15	21 03	21 50
“ Union.....		1,600 00	1,600 00		106 17	106 17	70 78	70 78	17 70	17 70	31 81	25 85
“ Sidney.....	10 00	400 00	400 00		9 00	9 00	6 00	6 00	1 73	2 00	2 50	2 50
“ Oregon.....		400 00	400 00		20 80	8 64	14 00	5 00	3 27	2 00	5 63	3 00
Manchester.....	30 00	1,470 00	1,214 50	\$255 50	52 36	20 00	34 90	34 90	8 74	8 74	12 71	2 36
Henrico and Charles City...	10 00	800 00	800 00		98 17	70 40	65 45	65 45	16 36	16 36	29 49	19 49
New Kent.....		600 00	331 11	268 89	66 53	13 30	44 55	14 78	11 09	4 70	19 87	5 70
Matthews.....	29 50	900 00	728 33	171 67	209 87	30 00	139 92	58 50	34 93	30 00	62 97	16 36
Gloucester.....		830 00	830 00		154 45	144 00	102 97	95 00	25 74	25 74	46 33	46 75
Williamsburg.....	5 00	300 00	135 00	165 00	8 00	28 17	5 34	5 00	1 35	1 05	2 40	2 15
King Wilham.....		300 00	229 06	70 94	42 17	21 50	28 00	18 50	7 03	4 00	12 65	7 00
	\$238 00	\$17,870 50	\$16,762 81	\$932 00	\$1,250 00	\$1,417 56	\$750 00	\$805 98	\$204 00	\$202 53	\$357 00	\$295 00
CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTR'T.	47 00	1,200 00	963 30	236 70								
Charlottesville .....		1,000 00	753 97	246 03	79 00	41 85	55 00	17 61	15 00	5 05	26 00	8 22
Albemarle .....		900 00	750 00	150 00	124 00	65 00	55 00	55 00	15 00	20 00	26 00	40 00
Scottsville .....	18 65	600 00	487 00	113 00	79 00	68 50	55 00	47 35	15 00	15 00	26 00	26 00
Fluvana.....	25 00	600 00	468 57	131 43	79 00	19 39	55 00	55 00	15 00	15 00	26 00	19 00
Gordonsville & Orange C.H.	10 00	400 00	400 00		64 00	40 00	40 00	25 00	10 00	8 50	20 00	17 50
Orange Circuit.....	5 00	200 00	143 39	56 61	69 00	15 00	40 00	15 05	10 00	5 00	20 00	5 00
Louisa.....		955 00	706 96	248 04	121 00	25 00	55 00	25 00	15 00	10 00	26 00	4 65
Batesville.....	10 70	500 00	423 00	77 00	104 00	35 00	70 00	30 00	20 00	10 67	32 00	14 00
Madison.....		875 00	875 00		124 00	60 00	70 00	65 00	20 00	20 00	32 00	62 00
Greene.....		640 00	405 23	234 77	69 00	15 00	55 00	20 00	10 85	11 00	18 00	15 00
Gooch and.....		300 00	251 05	48 95	69 00	4 50	40 00	7 00	10 00	10 00	24 00	8 00
Beaver Dam.....		300 00	280 00	20 00	79 00	18 67	55 00	20 50	15 00	15 00	26 00	15 00
Piedmont Mission.....		100 00	100 00									
	\$116 35	\$8,570 00	\$7,007 47	\$1,562 53	\$1,050 00	\$407 91	\$660 00	\$382 51	\$178 00	\$145 22	\$311 00	\$234 37

# FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1873—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Traveling Expenses Paid.	SALARIES.			MISSIONS.		CONF. COLL'T'N.		BISHOPS' FUND.		EDUCT'L FUND.	
		Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Assess'd.	Paid.	Assess'd.	Paid.	Assess'd.	Paid.	Assess'd.	Paid.
LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.	\$100 00	\$1,200 00	\$1,000 00	\$200 00								
Lynchburg—Centenary.....	21 50	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	\$125 00	\$125 20	\$75 00	\$75 00	\$16 00	\$16 00	\$35 70	\$35 70
“ Court Street ..	64 55	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	146 00	154 85	87 50	100 00	22 10	44 00	41 65	42 00
Amherst.....	.....	805 00	720 00	85 00	83 33	36 00	50 00	22 00	13 20	5 00	23 80	10 00
West Amherst .....	10 00	408 00	408 00	.....	62 50	30 10	37 50	18 05	9 90	4 80	7 80	3 75
Jackson.....	.....	240 00	190 00	50 00	.....	5 25	.....	3 50	.....	1 25	.....	.....
Nelson.....	10 00	700 00	700 00	.....	104 17	57 02	62 50	31 25	16 50	8 25	29 75	14 87
Bedford.....	72 43	775 00	433 16	341 84	83 33	24 24	50 00	24 96	2 00	2 00	23 80	23 80
South Bedford .....	20 00	493 00	400 00	93 00	20 00	18 00	30 00	30 00	2 00	2 00	23 00	.....
Bedford Springs .....	8 43	600 00	518 50	81 50	104 00	27 50	56 00	32 50	15 00	5 50	29 00	12 00
Liberty and Salem .....	12 65	500 00	404 85	95 15	70 92	20 00	43 75	10 00	11 55	4 00	20 83	6 00
Appoinattox .....	15 00	700 00	554 96	145 04	104 17	33 00	62 50	21 50	29 75	6 50	16 50	10 00
Campbell .....	33 89	900 00	657 62	242 38	114 59	71 85	68 75	48 15	18 15	18 15	32 73	12 77
Buckingham.....	50 00	1,000 00	720 00	280 00	41 67	10 00	25 00	25 00	6 60	6 60	11 90	.....
Prospect.....	10 00	640 00	640 00	.....	83 33	52 00	50 00	35 00	13 20	10 00	23 80	17 00
Leesville Mission .....	.....	32 70	32 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$428 45	\$12,393 70	\$10,779 79	\$1,613 91	\$1,250 00	\$665 01	\$750 00	\$476 91	\$200 00	\$134 05	\$351 00	\$187 89
PETERSBURG DISTRICT.	42 00	1,200 00	1,056 00	144 00								
Petersburg—Washington St.	14 00	2,500 00	2,500 00	.....	167 00	220 00	94 00	125 00	25 00	25 00	44 00	60 00
“ Wesley Chapel and	.....	600 00	600 00	.....	30 00	20 00	17 00	17 00	5 00	5 00	8 00	8 00
“ Blandford.....	.....	2,250 00	2,250 00	.....	125 00	320 00	70 00	75 87	19 00	20 59	33 00	33 00
“ Market Street.....	49 55	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	63 00	35 00	35 00	32 00	10 00	10 00	17 00	12 00
“ High St. & Battersea.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00	.....	13 00	.....	3 00	.....	5 00
“ Ettricks .....	58 00	.....	.....	.....	63 00	10 11	35 00	35 00	10 00	10 00	17 00	17 00
Chesterfield.....	.....	695 00	695 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coalfield and Clover Hill ..	.....	100 00	100 00	.....	106 00	30 81	60 00	17 46	16 00	4 64	28 00	8 14
Dinwiddie .....	.....	600 00	327 78	272 22	45 00	45 00	26 00	26 00	7 00	7 00	13 00	13 00
West Dinwiddie.....	.....	500 00	500 00	.....	62 00	30 00	35 00	25 00	10 00	5 00	17 00	5 53
Sussex.....	.....	690 00	542 56	147 44	117 00	100 00	64 00	64 00	18 00	18 00	32 00	32 00
Hicksford.....	.....	1,000 00	826 34	173 66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prince George.....	.....	130 00	130 00	.....	70 00	43 00	39 00	39 00	11 00	11 00	20 00	20 00
Surry.....	.....	500 00	500 00	.....	40 00	40 00	24 00	24 00	6 00	6 00	12 00	12 00
	.....	570 00	570 00	.....	87 00	25 00	48 00	15 00	13 00	5 00	23 00	6 81
	\$163 55	\$13,385 00	\$12,464 18	\$920 82	\$1,000 00	\$939 92	\$560 00	\$508 33	\$153 00	\$130 23	\$267 00	\$232 68

RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT	\$80 00	\$1,000 00	\$737 65	\$262 35								
Rappahannock	35 00	555 00	555 00		\$50 00							
Culpeper	20 00	152 00	152 00			\$9 00		\$8 87		\$2 60		\$5 00
Culpeper Circuit		500 00	264 74	235 26	50 00	24 90	\$34 50	15 20	\$7 65	7 65	\$15 00	15 00
Spottsylvania	20 00	150 00	108 76	41 24	50 00	10 50	35 00	5 50	9 00		15 00	
Caroline	70 00	700 00	443 47	256 53	100 00	13 85	70 00	35 00	18 00	9 90	30 00	9 00
King George	36 00	700 00	514 74	185 26	100 00	39 65	69 00	36 60	15 30	15 30	30 00	24 90
Westmoreland	25 00	650 00	501 22	148 78	100 00	31 80	69 00	15 00	15 00	6 80	30 00	10 00
Heathsville	15 00	609 00	425 28	183 72	80 00	36 45	55 20	27 96	12 00	9 80	24 00	11 78
Montross	22 11	400 00	236 85	163 15	30 00	15 72	20 70	11 80	4 59	3 00	9 00	5 40
Lancaster	23 00	927 00	707 63	219 37	100 00	52 50	69 00	33 60	15 30	12 25	30 00	12 15
Middlesex	56 50	608 50	396 83	211 67	100 00	38 95	69 00	26 86	15 30	15 30	30 00	11 67
King and Queen		700 00	366 31	333 69	100 00	55 15	70 00	29 35	12 00	10 45	30 00	3 78
Logan Mission		47 00	47 00			8 00		1 50				
Hanover	25 00	800 00	632 40	167 60	80 00	50 00	50 00	30 00	16 00	14 00	32 00	32 00
	\$427 61	\$8,498 50	\$6,089 88	\$2,408 62	\$1,000 00	\$386 47	\$690 00	\$277 24	\$153 00	\$106 65	\$300 00	\$140 68
DANVILLE DISTRICT.		1,100 00	1,100 00									
Danville—Main Street	56 95	1,700 00	1,700 00		33 80	33 80	20 80	28 93	5 20	10 00	10 40	10 40
“ Lynn Street	25 00	1,450 00	1,450 00		18 20	25 00	11 20	30 00	2 80	5 00	5 60	10 00
Charlotte	10 00	500 00	403 79	96 21	76 96	32 79	47 36	22 85	11 84	6 19	23 68	10 21
West Charlotte		220 00	220 00		25 00	12 50	15 00	7 50	5 00	2 50	5 00	2 50
South of Dan		700 00	700 00		87 10	28 25	53 60	17 95	13 40	6 90	26 80	8 45
Ringgold		26 00	26 00									
Bannister		190 00	190 00		76 44	15 00	47 00	10 00	11 76	2 00	23 52	3 25
Pittsylvania		500 00	500 00		70 00	22 75	40 00	35 00	11 75	11 75	21 25	12 00
Franklin	28 75	700 00	700 00		184 34	80 00	113 44	33 00	28 36	12 00	56 72	5 00
Henry		400 00	400 00		69 68	20 00	42 88	18 25	10 72	5 00	21 44	3 75
Patrick		175 00	175 00		29 02	29 02	16 32	16 32	5 08	5 08	10 16	10 16
Dan River Mission		150 00	150 00									
Halifax	23 15	700 00	700 00			25 00		25 00		6 00		6 00
	\$143 85	\$8,511 00	\$8,414 79	\$96 21	\$800 00	\$324 11	\$480 00	\$244 80	\$135 00	\$72 42	\$229 00	\$81 72
EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT.		900 00	895 10	4 90								
Eastville		900 00	900 00		72 22	72 22	37 78	37 78	10 00	10 00	17 78	17 78
Pungoteague	10 00	1,130 00	1,130 00		144 45	200 00	75 00	100 00	20 00	25 25	35 56	39 50
		200 00	200 00									
Atlantic	104 00	860 00	860 00		72 22	72 22	37 78	37 78	10 00	10 00	17 78	17 78
Bell Haven		200 00	200 00		25 28	20 10	13 22	10 51	3 50	2 78	6 20	4 91
Pocomoke		153 43	153 43		25 28	25 28	13 22	13 22	3 50	3 50	6 22	6 22
Wicomico	20 30	293 74	293 74		46 94	30 00	24 50	16 33	6 50	4 35	11 55	7 25
Salisbury	25 00	600 00	600 00		54 17	43 85	28 36	22 85	7 50	7 50	13 34	10 80
Berlin	2 00	220 00	199 45	20 55	46 94	25 43	24 56	16 74	6 50	3 10	11 55	5 52
Dorchester		950 00	950 00		108 33	108 33	56 68	56 68	15 00	15 00	26 66	26 66
Cambridge		327 74	327 74		54 17	54 17	28 35	28 35	7 50	7 50	13 34	13 34
	\$161 30	\$6,734 91	\$6,709 46	\$25 45	\$650 00	\$651 60	\$340 00	\$340 34	\$90 00	\$88 98	\$160 00	\$149 76

# FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1873—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Traveling Expenses Paid.	SALARIES.			MISSIONS.		CONF. COLL'T'N.		BISHOPS' FUND.		EDUCT'L FUND.	
		Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Assess'd.	Paid.	Assess'd.	Paid.	Assess'd.	Paid.	Assess'd.	Paid.
FARMVILLE DISTRICT.	\$84 55	\$1,400 00	\$1,236 00	\$164 00								
Mount Pleasant .....		350 00	298 30	51 70	\$50 00	\$12 00	\$33 00	\$15 50	\$8 90	\$5 00	\$15 50	\$7 00
Lunenburg .....		900 00	900 00		89 28	183 14	58 92	58 92	15 86	15 86	27 68	27 68
Lewiston .....		1,000 00	844 50	155 50	89 28	90 00	58 92	59 00	15 86	16 00	27 68	28 00
Boydton .....	8 62	330 00	330 00		96 45	65 00	63 63	45 00	17 00	14 00	29 00	13 00
Mecklenburg .....	25 00	588 75	588 75									
Clarksville .....		775 00	666 00	109 00	100 00	100 00	66 00	66 00	17 80	17 80	31 00	25 00
Brunswick .....	60 00	150 00	150 00		14 30	15 52	9 47	9 47	2 54	2 54	4 43	4 43
Nottoway .....		1,050 00	993 37	56 63	100 00	80 00	66 00	66 00	17 00	17 00	31 00	10 00
Amelia .....	25 00	66 00	106 00									
Powhatan .....	15 00	850 00	803 00	50 00	89 28	80 57	58 92	58 92	15 86	15 86	27 68	25 00
Cumberland .....	12 00	1,000 00	800 00	200 00	85 00	20 00	58 00	25 00	28 00		24 00	
South Brunswick .....		335 00	300 35	34 65	57 20	45 82	37 68	29 44	10 16	7 63	17 68	14 47
Farmville .....	52 24	750 00	463 74	286 26	85 72	20 00	56 58	30 10	15 60	5 00	26 58	5 00
		410 00	354 00	56 00	71 43	20 89	47 15	13 82	13 00	3 90	22 15	6 49
		1,150 00	1,110 07	39 93	71 43	47 13	47 15	34 01	13 00	13 00	22 15	
	\$282 41	\$11,144 75	\$9,941 08	\$1,203 67	\$1,000 00	\$780 07	\$660 00	\$511 18	\$178 00	\$133 59	\$310 00	\$166 07
MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.		1,450 00	1,275 00	175 00								
Murfreesboro .....	10 00	480 00	480 00		90 00	101 54	65 00	65 00	10 00	10 00	15 00	15 00
Northampton .....	15 00	650 00	650 00		100 00	85 09	68 00	68 00	20 00	20 00	38 00	38 00
Meherrin .....		650 00	650 00		85 00	20 90	50 00	43 96	12 00	12 00	25 00	20 00
Windsor .....	30 00	700 00	542 00	158 00	85 00	29 95	45 00	33 00	12 00	9 29	25 00	
Harrellsville .....		717 50	498 77	218 73	85 00	15 00	45 00	10 00	12 00	14 00	25 00	5 80
Edenton .....		400 00	400 00		40 00	40 00	15 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Hertford .....	63 55	800 00	757 00	43 00	135 00	135 00	95 00	70 00	25 00	25 00	45 00	17 45
Pasquotank .....	50 00	800 00	588 22	211 78	125 00	15 00	90 00	45 00	25 00	20 00	40 00	5 00
Elizabeth City .....		1,200 00	1,200 00		80 00	80 00	37 50	37 50	10 00	10 00	12 00	12 00
Suffolk .....	35 00	1,000 00	1,000 00		65 00	65 00	37 50	37 50	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00
Gates .....	37 25	900 00	849 44	50 56	135 00	89 16	95 00	67 76	25 00	28 70	46 00	32 81
Southampton .....		615 00	573 00	42 00	70 00	30 00	40 00	18 00	12 00	12 00	20 00	6 41
North Southampton .....	7 20	800 00	600 04	199 96	70 00	80 00	40 00	31 07	12 00	12 00	20 00	10 03
Chuckatuck .....	7 15	560 00	428 56	131 44	65 00	18 15	30 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	15 00	5 00
	\$255 15	\$11,722 50	\$10,492 03	\$1,234 47	\$1,250 00	\$804 70	\$750 00	\$551 79	\$203 00	\$194 99	\$355 00	\$184 50



NORFOLK DISTRICT.	\$73 00	\$2,000 00	\$1,932 65	\$67 35								
Norfolk—Cumberland St....		2,000 00	2,000 00		\$132 00		\$86 00	\$86 00	\$22 00	\$22 00	\$39 00	\$39 00
“ Chestnut St. (Berk-												
ley).....		600 00	600 00		23 00	28 00	8 00	12 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
“ Granby Street.....		2,250 00	2,250 00		132 00	145 66	85 00	111 42	22 00	22 00	40 00	75 14
“ German Church....						2 99						
Portsmouth—Dinwiddie St.	22 75	2,000 00	2,000 00		132 00	132 00	85 00	85 00	22 00	22 00	39 00	39 00
“ Central.....	60 05	1,300 00	1,300 00		55 00	30 00	32 00	32 00	10 00	10 00	16 00	16 00
“ Second Street.	20 00	600 00	600 00		22 00	22 10	8 00	8 40	4 00	4 20	5 00	5 00
Norfolk Circuit.....	5 50	1,000 00	832 72	167 28	77 00	76 08	45 00	45 00	12 00	12 00	21 00	21 00
East Norfolk Circuit.....		700 00	700 00		80 00	43 40	47 00	33 00	13 00	13 00	22 00	12 00
South Norfolk Circuit.....		1,000 00	1,000 00		119 00	127 60	74 00	74 00	20 00	20 00	33 00	33 00
Indian Ridge.....	25 00	700 00	660 80	39 20	119 00	29 58	78 00	78 00	19 00	19 00	33 00	8 09
Dare.....		275 00	275 00		33 00	37 38	19 00	19 00	6 00	6 00	9 00	9 00
Princess Anne.....	23 85	1,200 00	1,107 65	92 35	119 00	63 25	74 00	35 00	20 00	20 00	33 00	20 00
York.....	10 00	600 00	600 00		66 00	47 60	45 00	21 35	11 00	11 00	19 00	10 35
Hampton.....		900 00	862 00	38 00	40 00	10 00	25 00	20 00	7 00	7 00	12 00	5 00
Smithfield.....		760 00	760 00		65 00	65 00	37 00	37 00	10 00	10 00	17 00	17 00
Isle of Wight.....		350 00	298 40	51 60	29 00	29 00	12 00	12 00	4 00	4 00	7 00	7 00
	\$240 15	\$18,235 00	\$17,791 52	\$443 48	\$1,250 00	\$889 64	\$760 00	\$709 17	\$206 00	\$207 20	\$360 00	\$321 58

# FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1873—CONTINUED.

## GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Traveling Expenses Paid.	SALARIES.			MISSIONS.		CONF. COLLECT'N.		BISHOPS' FUND.		EDUCAT'L FUND.	
		Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.
Richmond .....	\$238 00	\$17,870 50	\$16,762 81	\$1,107 69	\$1,250 00	\$1,417 56	\$750 00	\$805 98	\$204 00	\$202 53	\$357 00	\$295 00
Charlottesville.....	116 35	8,570 00	7,007 47	1,562 53	1,050 00	407 91	660 00	382 51	178 00	145 22	311 00	234 37
Lynchburg .....	428 45	12,393 70	10,779 79	1,613 91	1,250 00	655 01	750 00	476 91	200 00	134 05	351 00	187 89
Danville.....	143 85	8,511 00	8,414 79	96 21	800 00	324 11	480 00	244 80	135 00	72 42	229 00	81 72
Farmville ..	282 41	11,144 75	9,941 08	1,203 67	1,000 00	780 07	660 00	511 18	178 00	133 59	310 00	166 07
Petersburg .....	163 55	13,385 00	12,464 18	920 82	1,000 00	939 92	560 00	508 33	153 00	130 23	267 00	232 48
Murfreesboro.....	255 15	11,722 50	10,492 03	1,230 47	1,250 00	804 70	750 00	551 79	203 00	194 99	355 00	184 50
Norfolk.....	240 15	18,235 00	17,791 52	443 48	1,250 00	889 64	760 00	709 17	206 00	207 20	360 00	321 58
Randolph Macon...	427 61	8,498 50	6,089 88	2,408 62	1,000 00	386 47	690 00	277 24	153 00	106 65	300 00	140 68
Eastern Shore.....	161 30	6,734 91	6,709 46	25 45	650 60	651 00	340 00	340 34	90 00	88 98	160 00	149 76
Total for 1873 .....	\$2,456 82	\$117,065 86	\$106,453 01	\$10,612 85	\$10,500 00	\$7,266 99	\$6,400 00	\$4,808 25	\$1,700 00	\$1,415 86	\$3,000 00	\$1,994 05
Total for 1872 .....	1,802 34	113,777 03	100,877 29	12,981 73	10,000 00	6,763 94	6,600 00	5,112 48	1,700 00	1,472 00	3,000 00	2,258 64
Total increase, 1873.	\$654 48	\$3,288 83	\$5,575 72	.....	\$500 00	\$503 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total decrease, 1873.	.....	.....	.....	\$2,369 09	.....	.....	\$200 00	\$304 23	.....	\$56 41	.....	\$264 59

## FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

*II.—Reports of Joint Board of Finance.*

## 1.—CONFERENCE COLLECTION.

Balance in hands of A. G. Brown, Chairman from last Conference..\$	191 98
From Richmond District.....	805 98
“ Charlottesville District.....	382 51
“ Lynchburg District.....	476 91
“ Danville District.....	244 80
“ Farmville District.....	511 18
“ Petersburg District.....	508 33
“ Murfreesboro District.....	551 79
“ Norfolk District.....	709 17
“ Randolph Macon District.....	277 24
“ Eastern Shore District.....	340 34
“ Dr. L. M. Lee for the Dr. Hall fund.....	36 00
“ Rev. J. R. Waggener, from Hanover Circuit, additional.....	10 00
	<u>\$5,046 23</u>

## PAID TO

Paid Bill of Conf. Sec'y...\$	7 17	Mrs. J. W. Childs.....	127 50
Rev. Jacob Shough.....	127 50	Mrs. B. E. Gibson.....	150 00
Rev. J. C. Garlick.....	255 00	Mrs. F. Stanley.....	85 00
Rev. Joseph Carson.....	170 00	Mrs. M. C. Pierce.....	216 75
Rev. W. A. Robinson.....	70 00	Mrs. M. Peyton.....	63 75
Rev. S. T. Moorman.....	170 00	Mrs. Robert Scott.....	127 50
Rev. R. A. Gregory.....	250 75	Mrs. J. H. Payne.....	127 50
Rev. B. Devany.....	85 00	Mrs. M. S. Shelton.....	127 50
Rev. Benj. M. Williams...	42 50	Mrs. Mary Bain.....	63 75
Mrs. Julia Wood.....	85 00	Mrs. W. C. Blount.....	148 75
Mrs. Benjamin Miles.....	63 75	Mrs. A. J. Beckwith.....	148 75
Son of Rev. J. D. Coulling	34 00	Miss S. J. Roberson.....	30 00
Mrs. H. S. Atmore.....	30 00	Child of W. P. Twyman...	30 00
Mrs. W. I. Hunter.....	170 00	Mrs. A. Boyd.....	63 75
Willie S. Hunter.....	30 00	Mrs. T. C. Hayes.....	85 00
Mrs. M. J. Arnold.....	129 20	Mrs. Wm. Ward.....	85 00
Children of T. C. Jennings,	68 00	Mrs. J. W. Wonycott.....	229 50
Mrs. M. C. Spriggs.....	107 10	Miss Ella Wonycott.....	34 00
Mrs. M. M. Dance.....	85 00	Mrs. J. H. Joyner.....	127 50
Miss Estelle L. Arnold.....	25 00	Miss L. A. Nixon.....	25 00
Mrs. Wm. Jerdone.....	148 75	Miss Alice M. Arnold.....	25 00
Mrs. Alex. Stewart.....	63 75	Mrs. B. H. Johnson.....	113 05
Mrs. G. N. Guy.....	191 23	Mrs. J. McMullan.....	63 75
Mrs. D. J. C. Slaughter.....	100 00	Mrs. Abram Penn.....	85 00
By amount donated Mrs. Scott and paid by Rev. A. G. Brown....			10 00

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Balance in hands of A. G. Brown, Chairman. ....\$ 144 21

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer.

December, 1873.

## FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

*Reports of Joint Board of Finance—Continued.*

## 2.—BISHOPS' FUND.

Collected.....	\$1,415 86
Paid Bishop Keener for traveling expenses .....	\$ 60 00
"    "    Keener.....	677 93
"    "    Early.....	677 93
	—————\$1,415 86

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., *Treasurer.*

December, 1873.

## 3.—EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Amount received from and reported by Preachers at Conference...	\$1,994 05
Amount reported to A. G. Brown .....	\$ 534 54
Amount paid to A. G. Brown.....	1,459 51
	—————\$1,994 05

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., *Treasurer.*

December, 1873.

*III.—Reports of Conference Missionary Treasurer.*

## 1.—GENERAL MISSIONARY FUND.

Amounts received and reported by preachers and collection at Conference Missionary meeting.....	\$7,446 62
From Northampton Circuit for Mexican Mission.....	50 00
From Missionary meeting for Mexican Mission.....	74 50
	—————\$7 571 12
Sixty per cent. retained for Conference Missions.....	\$4,467 98
Forty per cent. for Parent Board.....	\$2,978 64
Of this amount retained for German Mission appropriation, 2,000 00	
Paid balance to Bishop Keener.....	978 64
Paid Bishop Keener for Mexican Mission.....	124 50
	—————\$7,571 12

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., *Treasurer.*

December, 1873.

## FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

## 2.—CONFERENCE MISSIONARY FUND.

Balance on hand from last year.....	\$ 67 70	
Appropriation from Parent Board to German Mission.....	1,200 00	
		\$1,267 70
Paid draft to Rev. E. N. S. Blogg.....	\$600 00	
Paid draft to Rev. E. N. S. Blogg, three months.....	295 50	
Paid draft to Rev. E. N. S. Blogg, six months.....	295 73	1,186 23
Balance.....		\$ 81 47
Sixty per cent. of amount received at Conference.....		4,467 98
From Rev. J. R. Waggener, from Hanover Circuit, additional.....		10 00
		\$4,559 45
Appropriated and paid Ringgold.....	\$ 70 00	
“ “ “ Dan River.....	105 00	
“ “ “ Banister.....	105 00	
“ “ “ Goochland.....	70 00	
“ “ “ Edenton.....	140 00	
“ “ “ Culpeper.....	140 00	
“ “ “ Second Street Portsmouth.....	245 00	
“ “ “ Spotsylvania.....	70 00	
“ “ “ Isle of Wight.....	70 00	
“ “ “ Williamsburg.....	280 00	
“ “ “ Hampton.....	105 00	
“ “ “ Gordonsville.....	280 00	
“ “ “ Piedmont.....	70 00	
“ “ “ Logan Mission.....	105 00	
“ “ “ Rappahannock.....	70 00	
“ “ “ Clarksville.....	175 00	
“ “ “ Warwick Mission.....	140 00	
“ “ “ Buckingham Mission.....	70 00	
“ “ “ Amherst Mission.....	70 00	
“ “ “ Ettricks.....	280 00	
“ “ “ Sidney.....	350 00	
“ “ “ Rocketts.....	70 00	
“ “ “ Berkley.....	245 00	
“ “ “ Leesville Mission.....	140 00	
“ “ “ German Mission.....	840 00	4,305 00
Balance in hand.....		\$ 254 45

December, 1873.

GEO. M. BAIN, *Treasurer*,

# X.

## ASSESSMENTS FOR 1873-74.

DISTRICTS.	Conference Collection.	Bishops' Fund.	Educational Fund.
Richmond District.....	\$900 00	\$200 00	\$357 00
Charlottesville District.....	750 00	175 00	304 00
Lynchburg District.....	875 00	200 00	357 00
Danville District.....	575 00	125 00	230 00
Farmville District.....	750 00	175 00	295 00
Petersburg District.....	700 00	160 00	284 00
Murfreesboro District.....	850 00	200 00	337 00
Norfolk District.....	900 00	210 00	357 00
Randolph Macon District.....	800 00	155 00	324 00
Eastern Shore District.....	400 00	100 00	155 00
Total.....	\$7,500 00	\$1,700 00	\$3,000 00

OSCAR LITTLETON, *Sec'y.*  
Norfolk, December, 1873.

A. G. BROWN,  
*Chairman Joint Board Finance.*



# XI.

## FINANCIAL PLAN

OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

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### SECTION I.

#### OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

I. The Joint Board of Finance, composed of one Clerical member of the Conference, and one Layman from each Presiding Elder's District, shall meet at each session of the Annual Conference.

II. The members of this Board shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop at the close of the Conference session, and shall hold their office until the close of the next ensuing Annual Conference session.

III. They shall elect their own Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer; and shall fill all vacancies that may occur in the Board; *provided*, they keep up an equal number of Clerical and Lay members.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Joint Board:

1. To receive the Conference collection and distribute the same to the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased clerical members of the Conference; according to their judgment of their several necessities.

2. To estimate the amount that probably will be necessary to meet the claims of the superannuated preachers and widows and orphan children of deceased clerical members of the Conference, and apportion the same to the Presiding Elder's Districts, for collection the ensuing year. This apportionment shall be made upon the basis of ability. In like manner they shall apportion the amount assessed upon the Conference for the support of the Bishops.

3. They shall receive the money collected for the support of the Bishops, and pay over the same to the Bishop presiding at the Conference, and take his receipt and forward it, or a copy thereof, to the Book Agent.

4. They shall receive and carefully examine the Recording Steward's reports, and keep an accurate record of the same, and take such action thereon as may be deemed prudent, in order to improve the financial condition of the church, and secure uniformity in the methods, and fidelity in the execution of the duties of stewards.

5. They shall decide all issues that may exist between the Stewards and the Presiding Elder or any of the preachers in relation to salaries, and their decision shall be final,\* but in no case shall they allow any preacher to have a claim on the church he has served, as of debt, after his pastoral connection with them has ceased.

6. All matters relating to the financial interests of the Conference shall be referred to this Board and be carefully considered by them.

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\*They have no jurisdiction over the assessments of the District Stewards, but as an appellate tribunal for all issues that may exist between the Stewards and the Presiding Elders or any of the preachers in relation to salaries.

7. The members of this Board, and especially the Chairman thereof, shall carefully consider the financial interests of the Conference during the year, and shall collect such authentic information in regard to the usual claimants on the Conference funds, as shall facilitate the business of the Board at its annual meetings.

8. They shall make a full report of all their proceedings to their Conference which shall approve, re-commit or amend their report.

## SECTION II.

### OF THE DISTRICT STEWARDS.

I. The District Stewards, [see Discipline, pages 53 and 100,] shall assemble as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the Annual Conference. The time and place of the meeting shall be fixed by the Presiding Elder. They shall elect their own chairman and secretary.

II. It shall be the duty of this Board to estimate the salary and traveling expenses of the Presiding Elder, having due regard to what, in their judgment, may be necessary to place him and his family (if a man of family) in such circumstances of comfort and protection as will enable him to serve the Church to the full extent of the requirements of the Discipline.

III. They shall apportion this amount and the amounts assessed upon the District for the Conference collection and Bishops' fund, to the several charges of the district, according to their judgement of their relative abilities.

IV. They shall require the Secretary to keep an accurate record of their proceedings.

## SECTION III.

### OF THE STEWARDS ON THE CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

I. The Stewards on Circuits and Stations shall assemble as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the annual meeting of the Board of District Stewards. The time and place of their meeting shall be fixed by the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the preceeding year, or, in default thereof, by the preacher in charge. They shall elect their own chairman, secretary and treasurer; provided that the office of secretary and treasurer may be filled by the Recording Steward.

II. It shall be the duty of the Board, thus organized:

1. To estimate the salary and traveling expenses of their pastor, having due regard to what, in their judgment, may be necessary to place him and his family (if a man of family) in such circumstances of comfort and protection as will enable him to serve the Church to the full extent of the requirements of the Discipline.

2. To ascertain from their representative, in the District Stewards' meeting, (or, if he should be absent, from any other reliable source) the assessment upon their charge for the support of the Presiding Elder.

3. To apportion the aggregate of these amounts to the several societies of their charge, according to their judgment of the equitable portion of each.

4. They shall report their action to the ensuing Quarterly Conference, which shall approve, re-commit, or amend their report; provided, that when approved by the Quarterly Conference it shall be the assessment for that year.

5. They shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, inform their respective societies of the amount assessed upon them.

6. They shall report at each session of the Quarterly Conference the collections made in their respective societies, and pay over the same to the parties having claims thereon, *pro rata*, first deducting the necessary traveling expenses.

7. They shall keep the assessments for the Conference collection and Bishops' fund separate, and shall co-operate with the preachers in charge in raising these amounts by public collections in their several congregations, or by private subscriptions and donations.

8. Where there is no parsonage belonging to their charge, they shall take the necessary steps, as early as the fourth quarterly meeting in each year, to secure a comfortable home for their coming pastor; and in estimating his salary, they shall include the amount necessary to pay the rent thereof.\*

9. It shall be the especial duty of the Chairman of each Board to consider the financial interest of his charge, to visit the different societies thereof, when necessary, to remind them of their Scriptural obligations to support the ministry, and to use every effort in his power to promote the financial prosperity of the charge.

10. The Recording Steward shall forward to the Joint Board of Finance of the Annual Conference, a full account of the assessments made upon his charge, the amounts received on the assessments, the disbursements of the same, and the deficiencies, if any exist. He shall also forward, annually, a full account of all collections for missions to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference Missionary Board, and shall transmit all moneys collected during the year for Missions, Conference collection and Bishops' fund, to the Treasurer thereof, by the preacher in charge.

## SECTION IV.

### OF CHURCH CONFERENCES.

I. A Church Conference shall be held in each society as soon as practicable after adjournment of the first Quarterly Conference, whose duty it shall be to appoint a committee of not less than three, nor more than five of its most judicious members, to apportion the amount assessed upon the society, among the members thereof.

II. This committee shall report their action to the Church Conference at this, or an adjourned meeting of the same, which shall approve, re-commit, or amend their report; provided that when approved by the Church Conference it shall be considered an equitable assessment, and shall be morally binding upon the membership of the society.

III. The Secretary of the Church Conference shall furnish the Steward or Stewards of the Society, with a true copy of the assessments, whose duty it shall be to divide them into weekly, or monthly, or quarterly installments and collect the same as promptly as possible.

IV. The Stewards may appoint collectors to assist them in this work. They may, also, adopt the envelope system, which, in many places, both on our circuits and stations, has proven a very convenient and efficient auxiliary to the Stewardship.

V. If a member should fail or refuse to pay his assessment, the Stewards shall endeavor to make up the amount by voluntary contributions; pro-

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\*Where the parsonage belongs to the Church, the Stewards should fix the fair rental value thereof, and report the same as so much paid on the salary of their Pastor.

vided, however, that they shall report the facts in the case to the next session of the Church Conference.

VI. The Church Conference may adopt such measures, in all cases, as they may deem proper, subject only to the law of the Church.

## SECTION V.

### OF PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

It shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders of the several Districts to present written reports at each session of the Annual Conference, showing:

1. The condition of the finances of their respective Districts.
2. The manner in which the financial plans of the Discipline and of the Conference have been executed.
3. Whether any neglect of duty is chargeable on the ministers or lay-officials.

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## XII.

### MODE OF ELECTING DELEGATES TO THE DISTRICT AND ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

The first or second Quarterly Conference of each pastoral charge shall elect three male members of the Church to represent such pastoral charge in the District Conference; and the District Conference shall elect, by ballot, four delegates [one of whom may be a local preacher] to the ensuing Annual Conference: Provided, that no member of the Annual Conference shall vote in said election, and that the delegates elected shall be twenty-five years of age, and shall have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for six years next preceding their election.

# XIII.

## CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

### I.—TRAVELING MINISTERS.

The figures in the second column give the date of amission *on trial* into the traveling connection.

The letters denote, E—Elder; D—Deacon; P—Probationer; Sy—Super-numerary; Sd—Superannuated.

Those marked with an asterisk (\*) were not present during the session.

Where the State is not given the Postoffice is in Virginia.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
1 Allen, William E.....	1850	E	Smithfield, Isle of Wight county.
2 Ames, Benjamin T.*.....	1858	E Sd	Locustville, Accomac county.
3 Amiss, Joseph H.....	1854	E	Suffolk, Nansemond county.
4 Anderson, James M.....	1857	E	Temperanceville, Accomac co.
5 Armistead, Robert A. ....	1868	E	Lunenburg Court House.
6 August Peter F.....	1846	E	Salisbury, Md.
7 Bacon, Herbert T.....	1865	E	Clarksville, Mecklenburg co.
8 Bain, Wm. F.....	1851	E	Campbell Court House.
9 Bayley John.....	1840	E	Petersburg.
10 Bayton, Thomas J.....	1846	E	Princess Anne Court House.
11 Beadles, Robert B.* .....	1855	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
12 Beckham, Thomas M.....	1863	E	St. Tammany, Mecklenburg co.
13 Bennett, William W.....	1842	E	Richmond city.
14 Bickel, Frederick.....	1873	D P	Richmond city.
15 Bishop, Milton L.*.....	1848	E	Flint Hill, Rappahannock county.
16 Blackwell, John D.....	1846	E	Norfolk city.
17 Bledsoe, Adam C.....	1861	E	Richmond city.
18 Bledsoe, James W.....	1869	E	Portsmouth.
19 Blincoe, James W.....	1857	E	Blacks and Whites, Nottoway co.
20 Blogg, Edward N. S.....	1860	E	Baltimore, Md.
21 Boggs, Thomas H.....	1855	E	King George Court House.
22 Booker, George E.....	1859	E	Elizabeth City, N. C.
23 Bowles, Henry C.....	1860	E	Henry Court House.
24 Brannin, James F.....	1845	E	Bowensville, Fauquier county:
25 Brown, Alexander G.....	1853	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
26 Butts, Daniel G. C.....	1870	D	Heathville, Northumberland co.
27 Campbell, Thomas H.....	1872	P	Harris' Creek, Amherst county.
28 Camper, William H.*.....	1859	E Sy	Orange Court House.
29 Carson, Joseph*.....	1805	E Sd	Culpeper Court House.
30 Cheatham, Henry C.....	1857	E	Richmond city.
31 Christian, William H.....	1852	E	Lynchburg.
32 Clark, Joseph S. R.....	1839	E	Moore's Ordinary Pr. Edward co.
33 Cobb, William R.*.....	1868	E Sd	Elizabeth City, N. C.



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NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
34 Colonna, Major S.....	1858	E	Combridge, Dorchester co., Md.
35 Compton, James W.....	1860	E	Elizabeth City. N. C.
36 Connelly, James W.....	1860	E	Spring Grove, Surry county.
37 Cowles, Henry B.....	1831	E	Amherst Court House.
38 Crocker, William A.....	1843	E	Kinsale, Westmoreland county.
39 Crooks, Robert N.....	1855	E	Grafton, York county.
40 Crown, James H.....	1856	E	Portsmouth.
41 Daugherty, Bev. W.....	1855	E	Hampton.
42 Davis, Joseph H.....	1836	E	Norfolk city.
43 Davis, Fielding A.....	1837	E	Meadsville, Halifax county.
44 Devany, Benjamin*.....	1806	E Sd	Jerusalem, Southampton county.
45 Dey, John B.....	1847	E	Cambridge, Dorchester co., Md.
46 Diggs, Thomas.....	1843	E	Clover Hill, Chesterfield county.
47 Duncan, James A.....	1849	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
48 Duncan, William W.....	1859	E	Petersburg.
49 Early, Thomas H.*.....	1859	E Sy	Lynchburg.
50 Edwards, John E.....	1835	E	Richmond city.
51 Edwards, Joseph J.....	1850	E	Norfolk city.
52 Edwards, William E.....	1862	E	Norfolk city.
53 Edwards, Francis M.....	1863	E	Richmond city.
54 Evers, Christian.....	1872	D P	Lynchburg.
55 Ferguson, Richard.....	1869	E	Chester, Chesterfield county.
56 Finnell, James F.*.....	1853	E	Amissville, Rappahannock county
57 Garrett, Joshua L.....	1866	E	Gravel Hill, Buckingham county.
58 Garland, James P.....	1858	E	Portsmouth.
59 Garlick, John C.*.....	1839	E Sd	Garysburg, N. C.
60 Gary, Hartwell H.....	1839	E	Red Hill, Albemarle county.
61 Gates, James E.....	1871	E	Arrington, Nelson county.
62 Gibbs, Esmond A.....	1846	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
63 Granbery, John C.....	1848	E	Richmond city.
64 Green, Charles H.....	1873	P	King William Court House.
65 Gregory, Robert A.*.....	1844	E Sd	Lynchburg.
66 Gregory, Werter H.....	1871	D	Edenton, N. C.
67 Guy, Lewis A.....	1872	D P	Cambridge, Md.
68 Hall, Alexander M.....	1852	E	Mathews Court House.
69 Hank, Josiah D.....	1866	E	Stevensville, King and Queen co.
70 Hansberger, Layton J.....	1839	E	Concord Depot, Appomattox co.
71 Hildrup, John W.....	1866	E	Madison Court House.
72 Hobday, Charles E.....	1867	E	Currituck Court House, N. C.
73 Hodges, David F.....	1867	E	Rocky Mount, Franklin county.
74 Hope, Herbert M.....	1873	P	Culpeper Court House.
75 Howard, John W.....	1845	E	Palmyra, Fluvanna county.
76 Hughes, James A.....	1869	D	Harvey's Store, Charlotte county.
77 Hunter, Joshua S.....	1870	E	Prospect, Prince Edward county.
78 Jamieson, James.....	1829	E	Boydton, Mecklenburg county.
79 Jordan, William P.....	1869	E	Williamsburg.
80 Jordan, Edward M.....	1869	E	Orange Court House.
81 Jones, John N.....	1866	E	Franklin, Southampton county.
82 Judkins, William E.....	1853	E	Lynchburg.
83 Kabler, John H.....	1873	P	Leesville, Campbell county.
84 Lafferty, John J.....	1857	E Sy	Lexington.
85 Lambeth, Samuel S.....	1857	E	Danville.
86 Langhorne, George W.....	1830	E	Farmville.

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NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
87 Laurens, John B.....	1853	E	Saluda, Middlesex county.
88 Lear, Joseph.....	1834	E	Boydton, Mecklenburg county.
89 Lee, Leroy M.....	1828	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
90 Littleton, Oscar.....	1850	E	Onancock, Accomack county.
91 Lumpkin, William G.....	1854	E	Manchester.
92 Lumpkin, James T.....	1870	D	Ballsville, Powhatan county.
93 Lumsden, James D.....	1838	E	Hampton.
94 Manning, Jacob.....	1839	E	Amherst Court House.
95 Martin, James C.....	1859	E	Gloucester Court House.
96 Maynard, James H.....	1873	P	Montross, Westmoreland county.
97 McAden, James*.....	1814	E Sy	South Hill, Mecklenburg county.
98 McClelland, John.....	1845	E Sd	Surry Court House.
99 McGee, William.....	1843	E	Berkley, Norfolk county.
100 McSparran, James E.....	1857	E	Wilson's Depot, Dinwiddie county
101 Merritt, Joseph B.....	1862	E	Smithfield, Isle of Wight county.
102 Michaels, Robert....	1836	E	Amelia Court House.
103 Mitchell, Hezekiah P.....	1854	E	Danville.
104 Mitchell, William E.*.....	1871	P	Stevensville, King and Queen co.
105 Moore, Lloyd.....	1852	E	Eastville, Northampton county.
106 Moore, John T.....	1873	P	Ashland, Hanover county.
107 Moorman, Samuel T.*..	1828	E	Richmond city.
108 Moorman, Richard J.....	1872	P	Liberty, Bedford county.
109 Moss, James O.....	1856	E	Louisa Court House.
110 Nolley, George W.....	1825	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
111 Norfleet, William J.....	1840	E	Norfolk city.
112 Paulette, Henry C.....	1873	P	Patrick Court House.
113 Patterson, John H.....	1873	P	Lynchburg.
114 Payne, William E.....	1869	E	Stanardsville, Greene county.
115 Peterson, Peter A.....	1852	E	Norfolk city, P. O. Box 497.
116 Peterson, Edward M.....	1852	E	Petersburg.
117 Pettit, Charles W.....	1858	E	Norfolk city.
118 Potts, Joseph E.....	1853	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
119 Pritchett, Edgar H.....	1859	E	Liberty, Bedford county.
120 Proctor, Joseph A.....	1852	E	Charlottesville.
121 Proctor, Jacob H.....	1857	E	Prince George Court House.
122 Ray, George H.....	1853	E	Burkeville, Nottoway county.
123 Reed, Lemuel S.....	1849	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
124 Reed, James C.....	1868	E	Churchland, Norfolk county.
125 Rhodes, John Q.....	1869	E	Davis' Mills, Bedford county.
126 Riddick, James A.*.....	1833	E Sy	Stony Creek, Sussex county.
127 Riddick, Joseph H.....	1854	E Sy	Harrellsville, N. C.
128 Robins, Wilbur F.....	1862	E	Dinwiddie Court House.
129 Robinson, William A.*..	1850	E Sd	Pierce's, Goochland county.
130 Rosser, Leonidas*.....	1840	E	Richmond city.
131 Rowe, John G.....	1849	E	Bowling Green, Caroline county.
132 Rowzie, William B.....	1829	E	Hicksford, Greensville county.
133 Saunders, John M.....	1842	E	Danville.
134 Saunders, Robert M.....	1849	E	Norfolk city.
135 Shough, Jacob*.....	1839	E Sd	Patrick Court House.
136 Simpson, Thomas M.....	1873	P	Harrellsville, Hertford co., N. C.
137 Sledd, Robert N.....	1857	E	Petersburg.
138 Smithey, William R.....	1873	P	Amelia Court House.
139 Southall, John D.....	1842	E	Mossing Ford, Charlotte county.

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NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
140 Spain, William W.....	1859	E	Batesville, Albemarle county.
141 Spencer, James L.....	1850	E	Bowling Green, Caroline county.
142 Spiller, Benjamin C.....	1848	E	Pierce's, Goochland, county.
143 Starr, William G.....	1865	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
144 Taylor, Travis J.....	1867	E	New London, Bedford county.
145 Taylor, Walter C.*.....	1869	E Sy	Montross, Westmoreland county.
146 Tennille, Benjamin F....	1867	E	Jackson, Northampton co., N. C.
147 Tucker, John W.....	1861	E	Pittsylvania Court House.
148 Twitty, James F.....	1871	D	Murfreesboro, N. C.
149 Vaden, Wesley C.....	1861	E	Harmony, Halifax county.
150 Vanderslice, George C....	1859	E	Richmond city.
151 Waggener, James R.....	1849	E	Sunny side, Cumberland county.
152 Wallace David M.....	1853	E	Lawrenceville, Brunswick county.
153 Ware, Thomas A.....	1848	E	Charlottesville.
154 Watson, James C.....	1859	E	Hertford, N. C.
155 Watts, Robert W.....	1857	E	Mechum's River, Albemarle co.
156 Watts, Charles E.....	1866	E	Eastville, Northampton county.
157 Weaver, John T.....	1871	E	Powellton, Dinwiddie county.
158 White, John W.....	1828	E	Smithfield, Isle of Wight county.
159 White, William T.....	1859	E	Beaver Dam, Hanover county.
160 Whitehead, Paul.....	1853	E	Farmville.
161 Wiles, Alfred.....	1848	E	Lancaster Court House.
162 Wills, Davis P.....	1846	E	Coman's Well, Sussex county.
163 Williams, Benjamin M.*	1858	E Sd	Texas.
164 Williams, William G.....	1850	E	Curl's Wharf, Charles City county.
165 Williams, Thomas L.....	1853	E	Gatesville, Gates county, N. C.
166 Wilson, Edward P.....	1842	E	Ream's Station, Dinwiddie county.
167 Wise, Thomas P.....	1863	E	New Kent Court House.
168 Woodward, Benjamin F..	1844	E	Richmond city.
169 Woodward, John P.....	1853	E	Powellton, Dinwiddie county.
170 Wright, William P.....	1867	E	Coleraine, Bertie county, N. C.
171 Wright, George M.....	1869	E	Petersburg.

## CONFERENCE DIRECTORY—CONTINUED.

## II.—LAY DELEGATES PRESENT AT THE SESSION OF 1873.

NAMES.	DISTRICT REPRESENTED.	POST-OFFICES.
1 Arnold, D. R.....	Lynchburg .....	.....
2 Baily, Rev. James...	Petersburg .....	Petersburg, Va.
3 Bain, Geo. M., Jr....	Norfolk .....	Portsmouth, Va.
4 Bouldin, Dr. R. E....	Danville .....	Aspinwall, Charlotte county, Va.
5 Branch, Thomas.....	Richmond.....	Richmond city, Va.
6 Broadwater, Dr. J.E.	Eastern Shore..	Temperanceville, Accomac co., Va.
7 Brown, Edwin B.....	Charlottesville.	Free Union, Albemarle co., Va.
8 Clarke, Rev. Wm. G.	Charlottesville.	Woodridge, Fluvanna county, Va.
9 Copeland, Dr. W. S.	Murfreesboro...	Jackson, Northampton co., N. C.
10 Downing, Samuel....	Rand'h Macon..	Lancaster Court House, Va.
11 Garrett, Thomas W..	Rand'h Macon..	King and Queen Court House, Va.
12 Grant, Rev. William	Murfreesboro...	Jackson, Northampton co., N. C.
13 Hamlin, Thomas B..	Petersburg .....	Ford's Depot, Dinwiddie co., Va.
14 Herndon, Rev. J. A.	Danville .....	Whitmell, Pittsylvania co., Va.
15 Hinton, James W....	Norfolk .....	Norfolk city, Va.
16 Jackson, Hugh .....	Eastern Shore..	Salisbury, Md.
17 Jones, T. G.....	Rand'h Macon..	Urbana, Middlesex county, Va.
18 Jordan, Rev. Jas. P.	Norfolk .....	Smithfield, Isle of Wight co., Va.
19 Kilby, John R .....	Murfreesboro...	Suffolk, Nansemond county, Va.
20 Leitch, Thomas M...	Farmville.....	New Canton, Buckingham co., Va.
21 Palmer, Luke J.....	Farmville.....	Charlie Hope, Mecklenb'g co., Va.
22 Pollard, Richard ....	Lynchburg .....	Lynchburg, Va.
23 Sanderson, Thos. L..	Norfolk.....	Currituck Court House, N. C.
24 Shepherd, Dr. S. M..	Charlottesville.	Greenwood Depot, Albemarle, Va.
25 Stubbs, Jeff. W.....	Richmond.....	Gloucester Court House, Va.
26 Travers, Rev. L. D...	Eastern Shore..	Taylor's Island, Md.
27 Turner, Samuel D...	Richmond.....	Richmond city, Va.
28 Warren, H. E.....	Farmville.....	Farmville, Va.
29 Walford, T. L. D.....	Richmond.....	Richmond city, Va.
30 Webb, William W...	Farmville.....	Lunenburg Court House, Va.
31 Willis, William, Jr..	Richmond.. ..	Richmond city, Va.
32 Wingfield, Dr. J. A.	Petersburg ....	Stony Creek, Sussex co., Va.
33 Wright, F. M.....	Petersburg .....	Petersburg, Va.
34 Yeates, Jesse J.....	Murfreesboro...	Murfreesboro, N. C.

## CONFERENCE DIRECTORY--CONTINUED.

## III.—LOCAL MINISTERS.

Where the State is not given the Post-Office is in Virginia.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICES.
1 Adams, Richard E. G.....	Amelia Court House.
2 Albertson, Joshua .....	Lambsburg, Carroll county, N. C.
3 Allen, Samuel C.....	Harris' Creek, Amherst county.
4 Ammons, William M.....	Richmond city.
5 Archer, Allen L.....	Petersburg.
6 Arnold, Joseph D.....	Danville, Pittsylvania county.
7 Atwell, William H.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
8 Bagwell, Thomas H.....	Johnsontown, Northampton co.
9 Baily, James.....	Petersburg.
10 Baily, George W.....	Criglersville, Madison county.
11 Bain, George M.....	Portsmouth.
12 Barlow, Isaac .....	Williamsburg.
13 Barnes, James H. ....	Amelia Court House.
14 Beach, William B.....	Gogginsville, Franklin county.
15 Best, William D.....	Jarratts's Depot, Sussex county.
16 Betty, L. B.....	Gloucester Court House.
17 Blackwell, John C .....	Buckingham Court House.
18 Blount, David.....	Halifax Court House.
19 Bouldin, R. E.....	Aspinwall, Charlotte county.
20 Bradenbaugh, A. E.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
21 Bradley, Paul.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
22 Brent, William.....	Kilmarnock, Lancaster county.
23 Bristow, Emory.....	Jackson, Northampton co., N. C.
24 Brock, John P .....	Gordonsville, Orange county.
25 Buckner, B. M.....	Villa Green, Hanover county.
26 Carter, William.....	Boydton, Mecklenburg county.
27 Cavendy, Edward.....	Portsmouth.
28 Chamberlayne, Nelson.....	South Mills, Camden co., N. C.
29 Chandler, R. M.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
30 Chappell, O. Wrenn.....	Dinwiddie Court House.
31 Claiborne, John G. ....	Kennedy's Store, Brunswick co.
32 Clarke, William G .....	Woodridge, Fluvanna county.
33 Cottrell, Charles .....	Matoaca, Chesterfield county.
34 Cox, Newton H.....	Manteo, Dare county, N. C.
35 Crawley, James D.....	Prospect, Prince Edward county.
36 Crawley, C. D.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
37 Crostick, James D.....	Petersburg.
38 Creasy, Walter S.....	Mt. Airy, Surry county, N. C.
39 Crismond, J. P. H.....	Spottsylvania Court House.
40 Crowder, James A.....	Suffolk, Nansemond county.
41 Crowder, Joseph A.....	Centenary, Buckingham county.
42 Crute, John V.....	Curdsville, Buckingham county.
43 Dalby, James H.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
44 Dameron, William H .....	Smoky Ordinary, Brunswick co.
45 Darden, James M.....	Richmond city.
46 Dear, Luther .....	Norfolk city.
47 Deberry, J. B.....	Margaretsville, North'p'n co., N.C.



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## LOCAL MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICES.
48 Deshago, J. E. ....	Ashland, Hanover county.
49 De Witt, Elisha.....	Big Island, Bedford county.
50 Dunkley, Richard.....	Halifax Court House.
51 Dunn, Thomas R.....	Trevilians, Louisa county.
52 Drumwright, Thomas J.....	Wakefield, Isle of Wight county.
53 Edwards, Alpheus.....	New Market, Nelson county.
54 Elliott, J. W.....	Locus Mount, Accomac county.
55 Evans, William.....	Burgess' Store, Northumberl'd co.
56 Ferebee, Samuel.....	Indian Ridge, Currituck co., N. C.
57 Ferebee, George E.....	Norfolk city.
58 Fleury, Thomas D.....	Norfolk city.
59 Flythe, Jesse.....	Jackson, Northampton co., N. C.
60 Forbes, John H.....	Mt. Carmel, Halifax county.
61 Fortune, Joel.....	Howardsville, Albemarle county.
62 Foster, Richard (colored).....	Powhatan Court House.
63 Fultz, Joseph.....	Thackston's, Bedford county.
64 Friend, Charles W.....	Proctor's Creek, Chesterfield co.
65 Fulton, Thomas.....	Concord Depot, Appomattox co.
66 Gee, Jesse Q.....	Forksville, Mecklenburg county.
67 Gee, Walter A.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
68 Gordon, William H.....	Sunny side, Cumberland county.
69 Gosee, F. A.....	Petersburg.
70 Grant, William.....	Jackson, Northampton co., N. C.
71 Halstead, Adam.....	Princess Anne Court House.
72 Halstead, Hardy H.....	Pleasant Ridge, Princess Anne co.
73 Hanna, J. B. C. ....	Ashland, Hanover county.
74 Harrison, James W.....	Petersburg.
75 Harrison, Zachariah.....	Gordonsville, Orange county.
76 Harrison, John.....	Land of Promise, Prin. Anne co.
77 Harwell, Robert.....	Dinwiddie Court House.
78 Hawks, E. A.....	Wellville, Nottoway county.
79 Hayes, Thomas.....	Winton, N. C.
80 Hebard, Edward.....	Pungoteague, Accomac county.
81 Herndon, John A.....	Whitmell's, Pittsylvania county.
82 Herring, B. S.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
83 Holt, James.....	Heathsville, Northumberland co.
84 Hopkins, Edward.....	Grafton, York county.
85 Howard, Pleasant.....	Seven Islands, Fluvanna county.
86 Hoyle, Thomas L.....	Madison Court House.
87 Humphreys, J. E.....	Bell Haven, Accomac county.
88 Jackson, J. E.....	Manchester, Chesterfield county.
89 Jarvis, B. H.....	Poplar Branch, Currituck co., N. C.
90 Jefferson, John A.....	Petersburg.
91 Jefferson, James H.....	Leesville, Campbell county.
92 Jett, Starke.....	Burgess' Store, Northumberl'd co.
93 Jones, James.....	Kennedy's Store, Brunswick co.
94 Jones, Albert A.....	Petersburg.
95 Jordan, James P.....	Smithfield, Isle of Wight county.
96 Jordan, Costin.....	Sunbury, Gates county, N. C.
97 Keaton, Thomas.....	Elizabeth City, N. C.
98 Keily, John.....	Petersburg.
99 Kennedy, Wm. W.....	Elizabeth City, N. C.

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## LOCAL MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICES.
100 Kibler, J. L.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
101 Kirby, John W.....	Ream's Station, Dinwiddie county.
102 Lampkin, J. J.....	Chalk Level, Pittsylvania county.
103 Land, Wm. H. C.....	Kilmarnock, Lancaster co.
104 Leary, Joseph.....	Coleraine, Bertie county, N. C.
105 Lecato, L. K.....	Locustville, Accomac county.
106 Lee, R. A.....	Leesville, Campbell county.
107 Martin, James G.....	Norfolk city.
108 McDonald, James H.....	Mount Landing, Essex county.
109 McGilvray, W. B.....	Richmond city.
110 McKenney, Samuel B.....	Princess Anne Court House.
111 Miller, John.....	Rehobeth, Northumberland co.
112 Moorman, John I.....	Castle Craig, Campbell county.
113 Morgan, Seth.....	Elizabeth City, N. C.
114 Mullen, Robert H.....	Richmond city.
115 Mullen, Samuel H.....	Lynchburg.
116 Napier, Wm. H.....	Central Plains, Fluvanna county.
117 Nelson, George (colored).....	St. Tammany, Mecklenburg co.
118 Newsom, Thomas M.....	Drewrysville, Southampton co.
119 Nevitt, Thomas G.....	Warsaw, Westmoreland county.
120 Oldham, Montcalm.....	Temperanceville, Accomac co.
121 Oneel, Isaac.....	Manteo, Dare county, N. C.
122 Owens, Benjamin H.....	Portsmouth.
123 Parham, G. W. S.....	Poplar Mount, Greensville county.
124 Parrish, John W.....	Howardsville, Albemarle county.
125 Peace, Willis H.....	Jonesboro, Brunswick county.
126 Peatross, Robert S.....	Hanover Court House.
127 Petherbridge, Charles W.....	Richmond city.
128 Pritchard, ———	Windsor, N. C.
129 Pruden, Nathaniel J.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
130 Ramsey, Isaiah.....	Burgess' Store, Pittsylvania co.
131 Rawlings, Nicholas.....	Gholsonville, Brunswick county.
132 Richardson, W. L.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
133 Richardson, W. P.....	Wilson's Landing, Charles City co.
134 Rives, George.....	Parham's Store, Sussex county.
135 Robinson, E. C.....	Amelia Court House.
136 Rowlett, James D.....	Chester, Chesterfield county.
137 Rowlett, Thomas W.....	Chula Depot, Amelia county.
138 Royall, W. W.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
139 Rucher, Wm. G.....	Lynchburg.
140 Sale, Augustus W.....	Richmond city.
141 Sanford, Robert J.....	Kinsale, Westmoreland county.
142 Shroaff, Charles M.....	Madison Court House.
143 Shackford, John W.....	Walberton, King and Queen co.
144 Shackford, Joseph.....	St. Stephens, King and Queen co.
145 Smith, Edwin.....	Somerton, Nansemond county.
146 Smith, James.....	Heathsville, Northumberland co.
147 Spiers, Jesse B.....	Ream's Station, Dinwiddie county.
148 Stables, Alfred.....	Jeffrey's Store, Nottoway county.
149 Stevens, Richard.....	Verdierville, Orange county.
150 Stewart, James.....	Stewartsville, Bedford county.
151 Strawhand, James E.....	Princess Anne Court House.

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## LOCAL MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICES.
152 Stroud, Thomas B.....	Petersburg.
153 Syncoe, John W.....	Petersburg.
154 Thomas, George E.....	Port Haywood, Mathews county.
155 Thomas, Allen J.....	Point Easton, Caroline county.
156 Thrift, S. L.....	Norfolk city.
157 Tompkins, W. H.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
158 Tompkins, Wm. A.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
159 Travers, L. D.....	Taylor's Island, Md.
160 Trimyer, George W.....	Richmond city.
161 Twilly, W. J.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
162 Vaden, Michael.....	Winterpock, Chesterfield county.
163 Vandiver, E. G.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
164 Warwick, B. P.....	Petersburg.
165 Weaser, James C.....	Onancock, Accomac county.
166 Windell, Chas. M.....	Proctor's Creek, Chesterfield co.
167 Wingfield, N. D.....	Amherst Court House.

# APPENDIX.

## I.—MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS, ETC., RELATING TO THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

### 1. *Statistics of the Virginia Conference*

From 1845 to 1873, inclusive.

YEAR.	Traveling Preachers.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Total Minis- ters and Members.	Missionary Collection.	Conference Collection.
1845 .....	103	No rep.	26,426	4,949	31,375	\$4,300	\$851
1846 .....	104	166	26,868	5,192	32,226	3,403	2,322
1847 .....	101	165	28,292	5,691	34,148	4,432	2,256
1848 .....	117	182	29,565	5,913	35,660	6,750	2,449
1849 .....	117	184	30,938	5,891	37,013	8,151	2,688
1850 .....	124	189	31,166	6,312	37,668	8,536	3,280
1851 .....	132	179	32,705	6,597	39,481	8,500	3,588
1852 .....	139	190	32,803	6,597	39,590	7,344	4,214
1853 .....	149	193	32,732	6,250	39,175	13,604	6,561
1854 .....	154	195	32,949	6,294	39,438	13,438	5,250
1855 .....	156	186	33,461	6,587	40,254	12,503	5,889
1856 .....	154	205	34,502	6,483	41,190	17,234	6,619
1857 .....	168	185	34,743	5,634	40,562	17,500	6,510
1858 .....	178	198	37,978	7,011	45,195	21,444	7,316
1859 .....	185	216	40,376	7,753	48,345	.....	.....
1860 .....	198	174	40,159	7,567	47,900	20,338	8,033
1861 .....	189	198	38,300	6,880	45,378	.....	6,024
1862 .....	189	183	37,950	6,394	45,067	.....	15,714
1863 .....	196	138	28,360	3,173	31,671	54,592	24,122
1864 .....	188	118	30,594	2,477	33,189	61,081	34,350
1865 .....	186	150	33,370	1,683	35,203	2,903	2,526
1866 .....	189	171	34,843	1,212	36,226	.....	3,338
1867 .....	166	154	36,006	1,021	37,181	4,137	3,520
1868 .....	172	147	35,903	897	36,994	3,106	3,353
1869 .....	164	153	38,897	815	39,865	4,731	4,018
1870 .....	165	150	39,425	937	40,512	4,742	3,813
1871 .....	171	162	41,555	525	42,613	5,537	4,825
1872 .....	169	174	43,297	599	44,234	7,173	5,321
1873 .....	171	181	44,609	601	45,562	7,571	5,046

2. *Number of Southern Methodists in the State of Virginia by Conferences.*

Virginia Conference.....	39,783
Baltimore Conference.....	18,000
Holston Conference.....	9,900
Total.....	67,683

3. *Number of Communicants in connection with the Virginia Conference by States.*

State of Virginia.....	39,783
State of North Carolina.....	4,877
State of Maryland.....	731
Total in Virginia Conference.....	45,391

4. *Population embraced within the bounds of the Virginia Conference, by Districts :*

	WHITE.	COLORED.	AGGREGATE.
Richmond District.....	50,969	47,812	97,779
Charlottesville District.....	40,307	47,376	87,683
Lynchburg District.....	54,442	50,376	104,818
Danville District.....	58,547	49,865	108,412
Farmville District.....	30,694	61,436	92,130
Petersburg District.....	33,031	43,765	76,796
Murfreesboro District.....	45,726	48,113	93,839
Norfolk District.....	43,573	42,292	85,865
Randolph Macon District.....	55,713	58,331	114,044
Eastern Shore District.....	60,029	37,795	97,824

5. *Boundaries of the Virginia, and of adjoining Conferences.*

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE shall be bounded on the east by the Atlantic ocean, embracing the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and all the portions of the States of Delaware and Maryland not included in the Baltimore Conference; on the north by the Potomac river, from its mouth to the line of Stafford and King George counties; by said line from that point to the Rappahannock, and by the Rappahannock river (excluding Fredericksburg station) to the Blue Ridge; on the west by the Blue Ridge to the North Carolina State line; and on the south by the said State line to its intersection by the Roanoke river (excluding Union church, in Mecklenburg county, Va.); and by the Roanoke river and Albemarle sound to the Atlantic ocean.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE shall embrace all that part of the State of Maryland which lies north and west of the Great Choptank river, and also the part of Caroline county; in said State, lying south and east of said river; Newcastle and Kent counties, in the State of Delaware; and so much of the States of Virginia and West Virginia as is included in the following boundary lines: Beginning at the mouth of the Potomac river; thence up said river to the county line between Stafford and King George counties; thence with said line to the Rappahannock river, and with said river (but including Fredericksburg station, on its southern bank), to the Blue Ridge mountains; thence by that chain of mountains to Pilot mountain in Floyd

county, Va.; thence to New river, and by that river westward to the line of Greenbrier county, West Virginia, so as to include all the pastoral charges in that locality embraced in the Lewisburg district; thence with the line between Pocahontas and Randolph counties, to the Alleghany mountains; thence by said mountains northward, so as to include all the territory which may be now or hereafter under our jurisdiction, and not embraced in other Conferences.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE shall include East Tennessee, and that part of Middle Tennessee now embraced in the Pikeville district; that part of the States of Virginia and West Virginia which is now embraced in the Rogersville, Abingdon, Jeffersonville and Wytheville districts; south of the line of the Baltimore Conference, and including Jacksonville circuit; that part of the State of North Carolina which lies west of the Blue Ridge; a small part lying east of said ridge, embraced in Catawba circuit; and that part now in the Wytheville district; and so much of the State of Georgia as is included in the following boundary: Beginning on the State line of Tennessee, at the eastern part of Lookout Mountain; thence to the Alabama State line; thence north with said State line to Battle creek, and with said creek and the Tennessee river to the State line of Tennessee; and thence to the beginning.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE shall be bounded on the east by the Atlantic ocean; on the north, by Albemarle sound and Roanoke river to its intersection with the Virginia State line, and by said State line (but including Union church, Mecklenburg county, Va.,) to the Blue Ridge; on the west, by the western boundary of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, McDowell, Rutherford and Polk counties, to the South Carolina line; and, on the south, by the State line of South Carolina, to the ocean.

## II.—STATISTICS OF THE FOUR LEADING DENOMINATIONS IN VIRGINIA,

*Prepared upon the Basis of the White Membership in each.*

(Compiled by the editor of the "Sunday School Record," Richmond, Va.)

NAME.	Churches.	Members.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
			Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.
Methodist.....	871	73,428	738	7,863	39,556
Baptist.....	696	62,505	465	4,627	27,000
Presbyterian.....	200	16,000	176	1,700	11,200
Episcopalian .....	177	10,977	120	1,181	7,895



## III.—METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

1. *Comparative Progress.*

YEAR.	Traveling Preachers.	Superan- uated Preachers.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Indian Members.	Total Minis- ters and Members.
1845 .....	1,384	90	2,550	330,710	124,811	2,978	462,423
1846 .....	1,433	86	2,833	327,284	124,961	2,972	459,567
1847 .....	1,403	97	3,143	334,859	127,249	3,445	470,194
1848 .....	1,476	108	3,026	345,258	134,153	3,375	496,396
1849 .....	1,538	104	3,896	366,582	134,722	3,226	510,069
1850 .....	1,582	118	3,955	375,520	135,594	3,487	520,256
1851 .....	1,659	126	3,044	387,954	138,113	3,327	534,223
1852 .....	1,741	124	4,455	392,856	146,949	3,044	549,171
1853 .....	1,803	142	4,328	415,297	154,264	3,691	579,525
1854 .....	1,942	150	4,359	428,511	164,584	3,757	603,303
1855 .....	2,078	157	4,628	447,372	170,150	3,613	627,992
1856 .....	2,171	163	4,660	460,160	173,067	3,486	643,708
1857 .....	2,267	167	4,907	469,661	177,919	3,856	655,777
1858 .....	2,414	163	4,984	499,694	188,141	2,874	699,169
1859 .....	2,494	167	5,177	511,601	197,348	4,236	721,023
1860 .....	2,615	169	5,353	537,136	207,766	4,160	757,205
1866 .....	2,314	171	3,769	419,404	78,742	701	505,161
1867 .....	2,389	192	3,952	472,484	54,172	1,851	535,040
1868 .....	2,495	179	4,413	503,596	32,085	2,301	545,069
1869 .....	2,646	187	4,753	540,820	19,686	3,149	571,241
1870 .....	2,725	187	4,714	561,577	13,263	3,952	586,418
1871 .....	2,858	199	4,944	600,909	7,841	4,433	621,184
1872 .....	3,013	219	5,134	637,526	3,557	4,710	654,159

In the foregoing table no account is taken of the years from 1861 to 1865, inclusive. During that period of civil war some of the Annual Conferences were disorganized, and many were interrupted in their operations to such an extent that they furnished no official returns, and, therefore, the numbers cannot be given. The heavy decrease appearing in 1866 was owing to the transfer of about 200,000 of our colored members to other Churches, principally those under the government of their own race.

2. *Statistics of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for 1872.\**

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Conferences.....	35
Traveling Preachers.....	3,013
Superannuated Preachers .....	219
Local Preachers .....	5,134
White Members.....	637,526
Colored Members.....	3,557
Indian Members.....	4,710
Total Ministers and Members.....	654,159
Infants Baptised.....	22,784
Adults Baptised.....	39,355
Sunday Schools.....	6,900
Sunday School Officers and Teachers.....	45,998
Sunday School Scholars.....	312,759
Amount of Conference Collection .....	\$65,264
Amount of Missionary Collection.....	\$94,140

\* The statistics for 1873 have not yet been made up. The total ministers and members will reach about 685,000,

### 3. BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

NAMES.	BORN.		ENTERED ITINERANCY.		Ordain'd Deacon.	Ordained Elder.	ORDAINED BISHOP.		REMARKS.
	WHERE.	WHEN.	CONF'ENCE.	WHEN.			WHERE.	WHEN.	
Joshua Soule.....	Maine .....	1781	New York...	1799	1801	1803	Baltimore .....	1824	Died in Tenn., March, 1867.
James O. Andrew.....	Georgia.....	1794	S. Carolina..	1812	1814	1816	Philadelphia ....	1832	Died in Mobile, March, 1871.
William Capers.....	S. Carolina..	1790	S. Carolina..	1808	1810	1812	Petersburg.....	1846	Died in S. Carolina, Jan., 1855.
Robert Paine.....	N. Carolina.	1799	Tennessee...	1818	1822	1824	Petersburg.....	1846	Residence, Aberdeen, Miss.
Henry B. Bascom.....	New York..	1796	Ohio.....	1813	1815	1817	St. Louis.....	1850	Died in Kentucky, Sep., 1850.
George F. Pierce.....	Georgia.....	1811	Georgia.....	1830	1832	1834	Columbus, Ga...	1854	Residence in Sparta, Ga.
John Early.....	Virginia ....	1786	Virginia.....	1807	1809	1811	Columbus, Ga...	1854	Died in Virginia, Nov., 1873.
Hubbard H. Kavanaugh,	Kentucky...	1802	Kentucky...	1823	1825	1827	Columbus, Ga...	1854	Residence, Louisville, Ky.
Wm. M. Wightman.....	S. Carolina..	1808	S. Carolina..	1828	1830	1832	New Orleans....	1866	Residence, Charleston, S. C.
Enoch M. Marvin.....	Missouri ....	1823	Missouri....	1841	1843	1845	New Orleans....	1866	Residence, St. Louis, Mo.
David S. Doggett.....	Virginia.....	1810	Virginia.....	1829	1832	1833	New Orleans....	1866	Residence, Richmond, Va.
Holland M. McTyeire,...	S. Carolina..	1824	Virginia.....	1845	1848	1849	New Orleans....	1866	Residence, Nashville, Tenn.
John C. Keener.....	Maryland ...	1819	Alabama ....	1842	1844	1846	Memphis, Tenn.	1870	Residence, New Orleans, La.

#### 4. Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

This establishment is located in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, and is devoted to the manufacturing and publishing of books for the use and benefit of the M. E. Church, South. It is subject entirely to the control of the General Conference, for whom it is managed by a GENERAL BOOK AGENT, and a Committee called the BOOK COMMITTEE. The AGENT and COMMITTEE are elected by the General Conference at its regular quadrennial sessions. The Book Agent has charge of the funds, stock, fixtures and real estate, and all other property of the Publishing House, and of the depositories and periodicals belonging to the General Conference; and is responsible to the General Conference for the prudent use and safe management of the same.

##### EXHIBITS OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE FOR SEVEN YEARS ENDING JULY 1ST, 1873.

JUNE 1ST, 1866.		APRIL 30TH, 1870.	
Assets .....	\$158,619.25	Assets .....	\$230,244.57
Liabilities .....	71,453.55	Liabilities .....	41,872.12
Balance in favor of the House...	\$87,165.70	Balance in favor of the House...	\$188,352.45
JULY 1ST, 1867.		JULY 1ST, 1871.	
Assets .....	\$171,597.03	Assets .....	\$260,614.22
Liabilities .....	68,056.76	Liabilities .....	44,066.67
Balance in favor of the House...	\$103,540.27	Balance in favor of the House...	\$216,547.55
JULY 1ST, 1868.		JULY 1ST, 1872.	
Assets .....	\$173,898.01	Assets .....	\$278,938.09
Liabilities .....	49,822.44	Liabilities .....	49,201.31
Balance in favor of the House...	\$124,075.59	Balance in favor of the House...	\$229,736.78
JULY 1ST, 1869.		JULY 1ST, 1873.	
Assets .....	\$212,759.73	Assets .....	\$520,100.13
Liabilities .....	42,575.76	Liabilities .....	243,982.70
Balance in favor of the House...	\$170,183.97	Balance in favor of the House...	\$276,117.43

##### DETAILED EXHIBIT OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1ST, 1873.

<i>Assets.</i>	
Real Estate .....	\$214,597.55
Presses, Engine, Boiler and Fixtures .....	44,330.62
Composing Room .....	8,975.96
Stereotype Plates .....	71,040.20
Mailing Apparatus .....	1,425.00
Stereotype Foundry .....	4,500.00
Merchandise .....	50,479.08
Sheet Stock, Paper and Ink .....	9,877.00
New Orleans Depository .....	41,130.08
Individual Accounts .....	60,402.31
Furniture, Desks, etc. ....	3,997.00
Cash on hand .....	345.33
Total .....	\$520,100.13

<i>Liabilities.</i>	
Bills Payable .....	\$132,657.23
Open Accounts .....	11,325.47
Bond Account .....	100,000.00
	<hr/> 243,982.70
Balance in favor of the House .....	\$276,117.43
Balance July 1, 1872 .....	229,736.78
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Increase from July 1st, 1872, to July 1st, 1873 .....	\$46,380.65

## OFFICERS OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

GENERAL AGENT—Rev. A. H. Redford, D. D.

GENERAL BOOK EDITOR—Rev. T. O. Summers, D. D.

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY—Rev. A. G. Haygood, D. D.

BOOK COMMITTEE—Rev. A. L. P. Green, D. D., Tennessee Conference; Rev. James E. Evans, South Georgia Conference; Rev. John H. Linn, D. D., St. Louis Conference; Rev. P. A. Peterson, Virginia Conference; J. H. Lithgow, Louisville, Ky.; Dempsey Weaver, Thompson Anderson, W. H. Morgan and J. D. Fite, Nashville, Tenn.

### 5. *Periodicals of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

[I.]—Published by order of the General Conference:

Christian Advocate, Nashville; T. O. Summer, D. D., Editor.  
 Sunday School Magazine, Nashville; A. G. Haygood, D. D., Editor.  
 Sunday School Visitor, Nashville; A. G. Haygood, D. D., Editor.  
 Our Little People, Nashville; A. G. Haygood, D. D., Editor.

[II.]—Published by Annual Conferences or by individuals, in the interest of the Southern Methodist Church:

Southern Quarterly Review, St. Louis, Mo.; A. T. Bledsoe, LL.D., Editor.  
 Richmond Christian Advocate, Richmond; W. W. Bennett, D.D., Editor.  
 Southern Christian Advocate, Macon, Ga.; Rev. F. Milton Kennedy, Editor.  
 New Orleans Christian Advocate, New Orleans; Rev. Linus Parker, Editor.  
 Western Methodist, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. W. C. Johnson, Editor.  
 St. Louis Christian Advocate, St. Louis, Mo.; D. R. McAnnally, D.D., Editor.  
 Episcopal Methodist, Baltimore, Md.; Rev. W. S. Baird, Editor.  
 Texas Christian Advocate, Galveston; Rev. I. G. John, Editor.  
 Raleigh Christian Advocate, Raleigh, N. C.; Rev. J. B. Bobbitt, Editor.  
 Pacific Methodist, San Francisco; Rev. Wick B. Parsons, Editor.  
 Familienfreund (German), New Orleans; Rev. J. B. H. Ahrens and Rev. E. N. S. Blogg, Editors.  
 Central Methodist, Cattlesburg, Ky.; Rev. Zepheniah Meek and Rev. C. W. Miller, Editors.  
 Holston Methodist, Morristown, Tenn.; Rev. R. N. Price, Editor.  
 Weekly Watchman, Little Rock, Arkansas; Rev. L. B. Hotchkiss, Editor.

### 6. *Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

This Society was organized at the General Conference of 1846, with Edward Stevenson, D. D., as Secretary. In 1850 E. W. Sehon, D. D., was made Secretary, and served until the General Conference of 1866, at which two Boards were organized—one having control of the Foreign and the other of the Domestic Mission work. E. W. Sehon, D. D., was elected Secretary of the Foreign Board—which position he resigned in 1868, and was succeeded by W. E. Munsey, D. D.—and J. B. McFerrin, D. D., of the Domestic Board. The General Conference of 1870 discontinued this arrangement, and again placed the Missionary operations of the Church under the management of the Board, with J. B. McFerrin as Secretary.

The following analysis of the Report of the Board of Missions for 1873 was furnished to the *Southern Christian Advocate* by Rev. G. N. McDonell. It gives a correct and comprehensive view of our Missionary work:

“The Parent Board of Missions, located at Nashville, has under control the Indian, German, China and Mexican Missions, which look directly to the Board for their support.

"The Indian Missions are organized into a separate Conference, known as the Indian Mission Conference, comprising four Districts, with the following statistical exhibit: Traveling preachers, 20; local preachers, 82; superannuated preachers, 3; members, 5,216; total ministers and members, 5,321; Sunday Schools, 15; Sunday School scholars, 475. There are also two flourishing day schools in this Conference; one of them a manual labor school sustained in part by the Missionary Board. The future prospects of this mission field are very promising.

"The German Missions, under the control of the Board, are located in Texas, Louisiana, Maryland and Virginia; and the labors of the past year have been crowned with gracious success. They report as follows: Missions, 18; missionaries, 17; members, 833; Sunday School scholars, 522. This field is steadily increasing in interest, and gives promise of much fruitfulness in future.

"The China Mission, under the control of the Board, has a ministerial force of two missionaries, the Rev. Young J. Allen and Rev. J. W. Lambuth, with their wives as helpers. There are also two native preachers, who are doing a good work among their countrymen. The total membership of our Church in China is 79, eleven of whom were added to the Church the past year. There are three mission stations, three boarding schools for boys, and one for girls, having 53 pupils. In Shanghai two Bible women are at work, reading the Scripture to their countrywomen, and there are two Sabbath schools of about 40 persons.

"Rev. Y. J. Allen is still in the employ of the Chinese Government as a teacher, and receives his salary from that source, but labors steadily for the spiritual good of the people. The Superintendent in his annual report says: 'Upon the whole, we have good reason to be encouraged in our work, from the progress made during the past year, considering the embarrassments under which we have labored.'

"The Mexican Mission was organized by Bishop Keener in 1873, who purchased a lot and suitable building in the City of Mexico, and placed a native preacher in charge. This promises to be one of the most inviting and important fields of missionary labor yet occupied by us.

"In addition to these mission fields the Board extends pecuniary help to the Pacific, Columbia, Los Angeles and Western Conferences, which are rapidly growing in strength, and before many years will be self-supporting.

"The total collections reported by the Annual Conferences for 1872 amount to \$94,139.95. Additional contributions sent direct to A. H. Redford, Treasurer, \$1,709.59. Total receipts for the year, \$95,849.54.

"The disbursements of the Board for the year ending June 1, 1873, are as follows: Paid for support of China Mission, \$5,500; for German Missions, \$5,699.10; for Indian Missions, \$11,340.38; for Mexican Mission, \$3,988.20; for Domestic Missions in weak Conferences, \$12,065.44; paid on old debt, \$400; paid for salary, incidentals and traveling expenses, \$3,612.70. Total, \$42,605.82.

"The amount expended by the Annual Conferences for the support of the Missions within their bounds is \$57,384.22."

#### OFFICERS OF THE PARENT MISSIONARY BOARD.

SECRETARY—Rev. John B. McFerrin.

TREASURER—Rev. A. H. Redford.

BOARD OF MANAGERS—Rev. T. O. Summers, President; Rev. N. H. Lee, First Vice President; Rev. W. G. E. Cunyngham, Second Vice President; Rev. A. G. Haygood, Rev. W. P. Harrison, Rev. R. A. Young, Rev. Wm. M. Rush, Rev. J. Hamilton, Rev. R. Alexander, Mortimer Hamilton, A. P. McFerrin, John Morrow, William T. Gates and T. J. Magruder.

The Bishops, also, are members of the Board.

#### IV.—THE COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN AMERICA.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which met in New Orleans in April, 1866, adopted measures looking to a separate ecclesiastical organization for the colored people who remained in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. When the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in Memphis in 1870, several Annual Conferences of colored preachers had been formed, and at their request a commission was appointed to confer with their delegates in organizing a Colored General Conference at Jackson, Tennessee, December 16th, 1870. Bishops Robert Paine and H. N. McTyeire, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, also assisted in organizing the General Conference, which adopted the doctrines, discipline, and economy of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Rev. W. H. Miles, of Kentucky, and Rev. R. H. Vanderhorst, were elected and ordained Bishops.

The organization is entirely independent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, though in sympathy with it; and does not admit white persons to membership.

Bishop Vanderhorst died in 1872. A called General Conference, which met at Augusta, Ga., March, 1873, elected Joseph A. Beebe, of North Carolina, L. H. Holsey, of Georgia, and Isaac Lane, of Tennessee, Bishops.

There are 14 Annual Conferences, 583 local preachers, and about 70,000 members. The denomination is rapidly growing.

#### V.—DENOMINATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

	Ministers and Members.
Methodist Episcopal Church.....	1,474,598
Methodist Episcopal Church, South, about.....	680,000
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America,.....	71,000
African Methodist Episcopal.....	206,000
African Methodist Episcopal Zion.....	164,694
Evangelical Association.....	84,000
The Methodist Church, about.....	50,624
Methodist Protestant.....	70,423
American Wesleyan Connection.....	20,250
Free Methodist.....	6,100
Primitive Methodist.....	2,000
<b>Total Methodist.....</b>	<b>2,829,689</b>
Regular Baptists, North and South.....	1,597,124
Presbyterians, North.....	476,057
Presbyterians, South.....	94,847
Protestant Episcopal.....	242,171
Congregationalists.....	315,178
Lutherans.....	489,410
United Presbyterians.....	74,043
Reformed Church [late Dutch].....	64,723
Reformed Church [late German].....	129,345
Free Will Baptists.....	67,832
Seventh Day Baptists.....	7,418
Disciples [Campbellite Baptists].....	505,000
Church of God [Winnebrennarian Baptists].....	30,350
Cumberland Presbyterian.....	131,100
Moravian [United Brethren].....	6,666
Christian Connection, about.....	275,000

Roman Catholic—The membership (counting whole families, irrespective of moral character) is variously estimated at from 2,500,000 to 5,500,000. Probably the smaller number is correct.



## VI.—SUMMARY OF METHODIST CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

In the United States.. .. .	2,829,689
British Wesleyan and Affiliating Conferences.....	659,287
Primitive Methodist.....	183,444
United Methodist Free Church.....	75,134
Methodist New Connection.....	34,767
Bible Christian [Methodist].....	28,418
Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada.. .. .	21,556
Grand Total.....	3,832,295

## VII.—CREEDS OF THE UNITED STATES.

TOTAL POPULATION, 38,620,000.

Protestant population.....	33,450,000
Roman Catholic population.....	4,615,000
Jews.....	200,000
Eastern Church, Alaska.....	10,000
Chinese population.....	65,000
Morman population.....	80,000

## VIII.—CREEDS OF THE WORLD.

The population of the world is distributed [religiously] very nearly in the following proportions:

Christians .....	388,600,000
Budhists.....	360,000,000
Other Asiatic Religions.....	260,000,000
Pagans.....	200,000,000
Mohammedans .....	165,000,000
Jews.....	7,000,000

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